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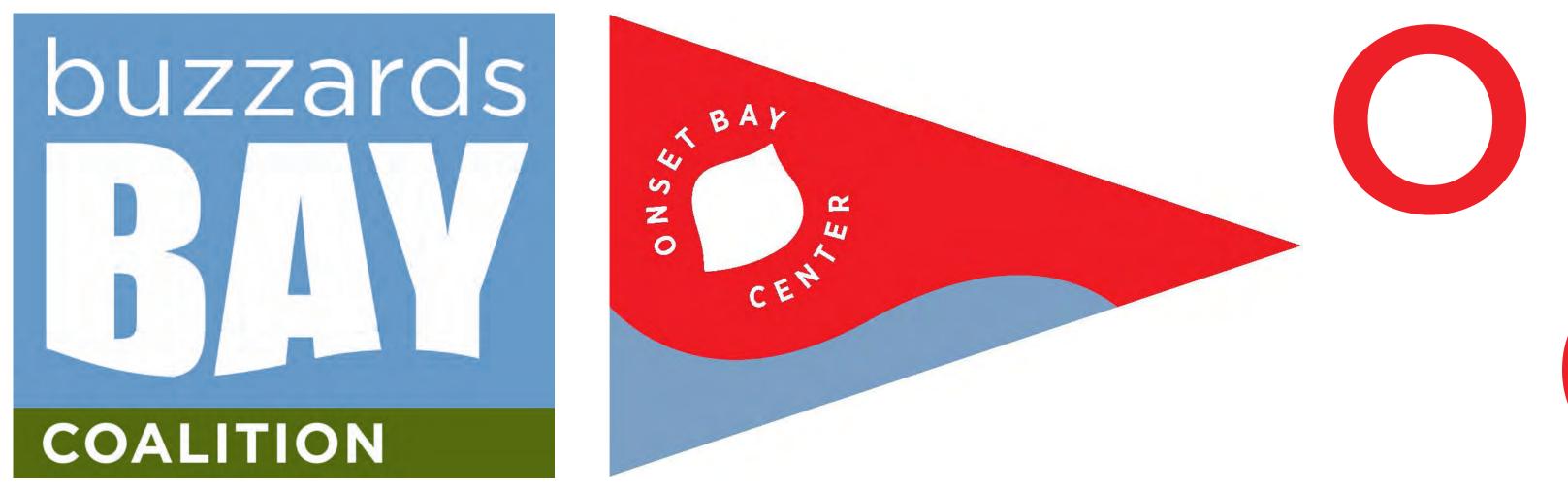


## THE INSPIRATION



ABOVE In the first half of the 20th century, the Onset Bathhouse had a second level and classic Onset pitched red roof, as seen in these historical postcard images.

# COMING IN SUMMER 2020 ONSET BAY



Everyone who lives on Buzzards Bay should have access to the natural wonders of our coast. The Buzzards Bay Coalition's Onset Bay Center will offer high-quality on-the-water programming like sailing, paddling, shellfishing, and shoreline ecology for thousands of people of all ages to build connections with our local environment.

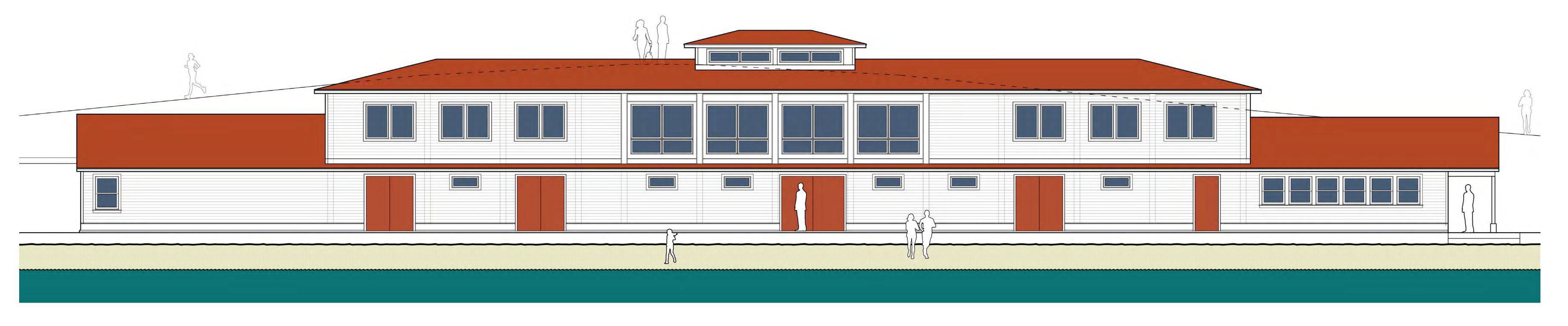
The Coalition is transforming the Onset Bathhouse into a modern facility that honors the building's historical design while providing educational and community services. The rehabilitated building will feature boat storage on the main level and a second-floor gathering and educational program space.

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# WHAT YOU'LL SEE THIS SUMMER

We've stopped construction on the Onset Bathhouse for the summer so everybody can enjoy the beach. Beginning in July, we'll host our third season of Onset Bay youth programming with Wareham Boys & Girls Club, Wareham CARE, Gleason Family YMCA, Community Boating Center, and Mass Maritime Sailing. We'll also host several free Bay Adventures this summer for community members to get out sailing, paddling, and quahogging. Nemasket Kayak Company will be open in a temporary trailer for rentals and guided tours.

Construction on the Bathhouse will start up again in September.



ABOVE Architectural rendering of the rehabilitated Onset Bathhouse, which will be completed in time for the summer 2020 season.

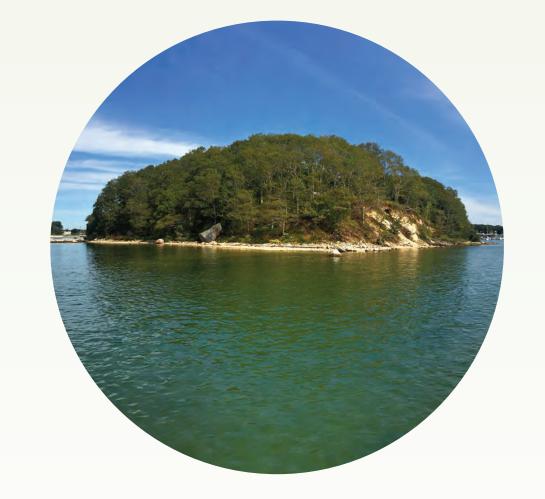




# WHAT ABOUT...







THE VIEW

The Onset Bay Center includes a complex of nearly 100 acres of conservation lands protected by the Buzzards Bay Coalition. These lands include the coastal dune and beach at Burgess Point which hosts our sailing dock, the expansive salt marshes of Shell Point Bay, and the centerpiece of Onset Bay, Wickets Island which the Coalition is improving for all.

THE BEACH

THE BLUFFS

### Will there be any change to the public's use of Onset Beach?

No. Onset Beach is not part of the Bathhouse rehabilitation project. However, this project is taking steps to improve the beach for the public's use. We removed the old sewer tank and chain link fencing that used to be in front of the Bathhouse. And we're replacing the single shower head that was on the side of the old Bathhouse with a new multi-head beach rinse station for everyone's use. Public bathrooms will remain on the Pier.

### What are all the new plants on the coastal bank?

The Bathhouse project is improving the bluff for the environment and public access. Before, the slope against Bayview Park was unstable and covered with grass, poison ivy, and invasive plants. It will now have a dense carpet of native coastal plants like lowbush blueberry, bayberry, beach plum, and inkberry. We are also widening the park's sidewalks and adding ADA-accessible ramps so everyone can enjoy Onset Bay Center programs.

### Will I still be able to see Onset Bay from Bayview Park?

The view from the top of Bayview Park is one of Onset's treasures. The new Bathhouse's second floor will sit below the park so everyone can continue to look out over Onset Bay. With the exception of a cupola in the center of the building, the roof will reach ankle height for someone standing on the sidewalk at the top of the bluff.

# BEYOND THE BATHHOUSE

