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PARADE THIS WEEKEND



A past Parade of Sails featuring the tall ships in Boston Harbor. This year's event for America's 250th birthday will happen on July 11. PROVIDED BY THE NORTH AND SOUTH RIVERS ASSOCIATION

Sail Boston to celebrate America250 with festival

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The tall ships are shippin' up to Boston. This July, Sail Boston's tall ship fleet will return to Boston Harbor as part of Sail250, a gathering of tall and military ships to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Sail Boston will host a five-day festival with fireworks, educational programs and a sail parade with over 50 ships. Want to see the ships for yourself? Here's what to know about the Tall Ships in Boston, including how to board the ships and watch them parade.

When will the tall ships be in Boston?

The tall ships will enter Boston Harbor and dock along the city's waterfront on Saturday, July 11, stay-

ing through their departure on the morning of Thursday, July 16.

About Sail Boston Festival

Taking place from July 11-15, the Sail Boston Festival will include live entertainment, a Sam Adams beer garden, concessions, a Sail Boston Ferris Wheel, fireworks, a street parade and a sail parade. Here is a full schedule of events with times and locations from the Sail Boston website:
● **Meet Boston Parade of Sail** - Saturday, July 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Boston Harbor
● **Public Boarding of Ships** - Saturday, July 11, from 5-10 p.m. and Sunday, July 12, through Wednesday, July 15, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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State energy bill races to Hill deadline

Amendments on data centers axed

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State lawmakers are rushing to finish an energy affordability bill before the Legislature's formal session ends on July 31.

A primary reason for the haste is a deluge of complaints from residents about skyrocketing gas and electricity bills and the demand that lawmakers to do something about them.

Data centers fall within the energy affordability issue, according to state Sen. Michael Moore, a Millbury Democrat. He added two amendments to the Senate's version of the energy bill to address the public's concerns about potential environmental and economic harms tied to the centers.



Massachusetts has more than 40 data centers of various sizes, according to the Data Center Map, which tracks the locations of the buildings nationwide.

The Senate rejected Moore's amendments because Moore said he was told by some colleagues that they're a better fit in a separate economic development bill that lawmakers are also trying to wrap up by July 31.

Moore plans to refile his amendments in the economic development bill.

"I'm disappointed," said Moore. "I think [data centers] are an area that we need to concentrate on."

Reports indicate the Senate's final version included an amendment that says data centers are not eligible for state tax credits unless they satisfy standards for clean energy acquisition, efficiency, and flexibility in how much power they draw from the grid.

The drumbeat is getting louder from data center opponents, especially against the "hyperscale" ones that power artificial intelligence. They're appearing in numerous U.S. states, and some Massachusetts communities have regulations to keep the supersized centers from touching down within their borders.

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Where can you sunbathe nude in Massachusetts?

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In 2022, Nantucket voters approved a bylaw amendment to allow all people, including women, to take their top off at Nantucket beaches.

Nude bathers are not a common sight in the rest of the Bay State, in part because there are state laws against public nudity. But there are some places where sunbathing topless or nude is allowed, either officially

or unofficially.

Here's what to know about whether you can sunbathe naked in Massachusetts.

What does Massachusetts law say about public nudity?

Public nudity is generally illegal in Massachusetts. Under Chapter 272, Section 53, of the Massachusetts General Laws, people guilty of indecent exposure

could be subject to up to six months in prison and up to a \$200 fine. While the law doesn't explicitly define indecent exposure, the courts have defined it overtime as when someone exposes their genitals intentionally to one or more people, at least one of whom must find it offensive.

This could include "appearing outside the home without wearing clothing" or "exposing genitalia in

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