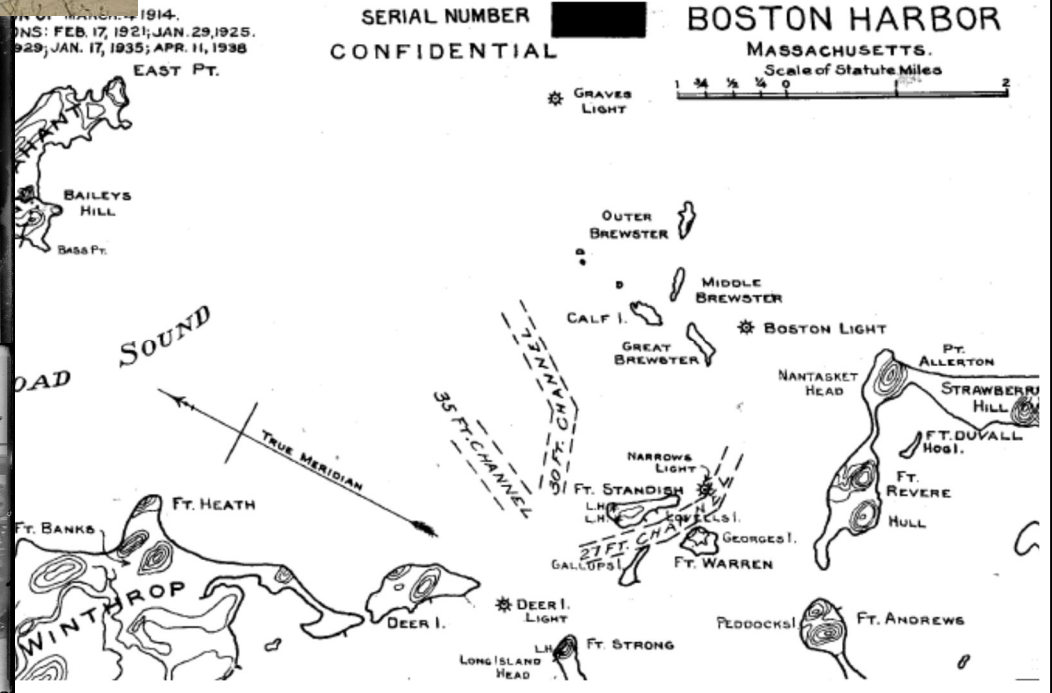
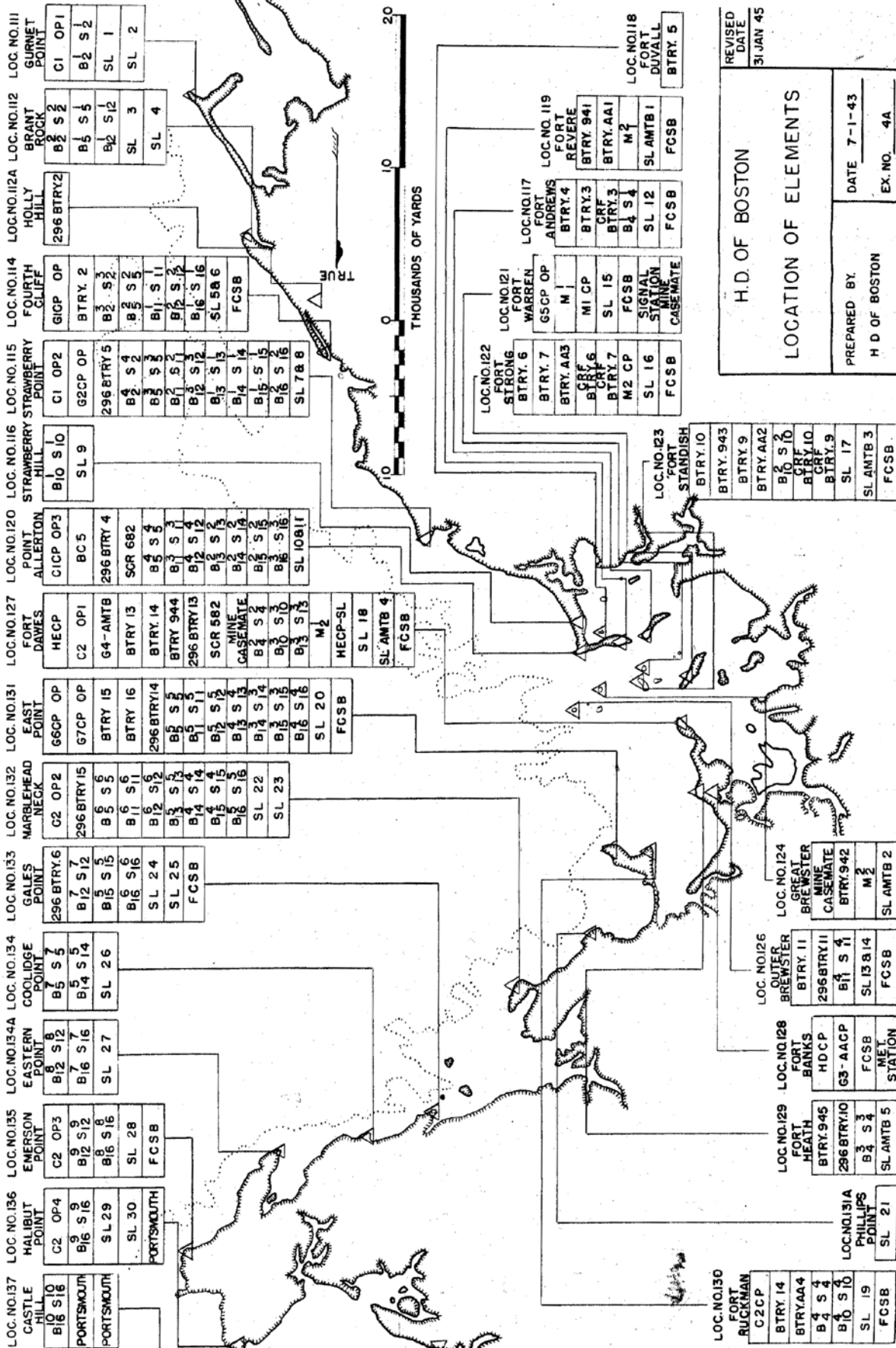


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23-27 April 2025
First Announcement – Seven Months Out

Throughout its history, Boston Harbor held a strategic importance in wartime. First the British and later the United States government built military outposts and forts across the Boston Harbor Islands to prevent an attack from the sea. During the 1800s and 1900s, the US military continued to update forts in alignment with new advancements in defense systems and technologies. During WWII and the Cold War, more defenses were built to protect Boston from attack. From behind imposing walls or protecting casemates, the heavy guns of the island forts overlooked the harbor and protected it for over a century. The CDSG Conference will cover all the major fortifications (except for Nahant which was visited during our annual conference to Portsmouth), many that are on islands that are difficult to visit except by attending our conference. The tentative schedule, subject to weather and permissions to visit is:

- Wednesday, April 23 check in 4pm at Nantasket Beach Resort.
- Thursday, April 24 (by DCR boat) - Fort Standish, Great & Outer Brewster Islands.
- Friday, April 25 (by DCR boat) - Forts Andrews, Strong, Warren.
- Saturday, April 26 (by car) - Forts Independence, Banks, Revere, Duvall; banquet & business meeting.
- Sunday, April 27 (by car) - Fourth Cliff MR, Scituate, MA, other south sites; Conference ends. PM (optional) Tour the USS Salem at Quincy, MA.
- Monday, April 28 (optional) – Drive to Newport, RI to tour Fort Adams.

The conference registration cost is \$125. As in the past, our conferences are self-supporting. The registration cost covers the meeting room, banquet, and a few other expenses. We are not providing meals except for the banquet, and breakfast is not available at the hotel. The hotel rooms have refrigerators. You are responsible for travel to/from the conference, ground transportation, and lodging. The conference hotel selected is the **Nantasket Beach Resort (45 Hull Shore Dr, Hull, MA, 02045)**. We selected this hotel because it is near the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) support center for the Boston Harbor Islands at Hingham, MA.

We have reserved block of 40 rooms. The hotel room rates we have arranged are:

- One king bed (10 rooms in block) – WE-TH \$99/night; FR-SA \$199/night.
- Two queen beds (14 rooms in block) – WE-TH \$99/night; FR-SA \$199/night
- One king bed with ocean view (8 rooms in block) – WE-TH \$109/night; FR-SA \$249/night
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In addition to the room costs above, there is an occupancy tax of 9.7%, and a hotel amenity fee of \$18 per room per night. These room rates are available through **March 15, 2025, or until the reserved block of rooms is filled**. Hotel rooms may be available after that date but at much higher rate.

To make your hotel reservation, please use one of the two methods below:

1. Use this link which is specifically for our room block:
<https://reservations.travelclick.com/108391?groupID=4482043>
2. Call the hotel at 1-888-641-4175 and say that you are making a reservation for a room for the Coast Defense Study Group 2025 Conference.

If you have questions, please contact Gordon Bliss (gblisscdsg@msn.com, 781-492-0053) or Norm Scarpulla (nkscarpulla@icloud.com, 978-764-6297).

CDSG 2025 Annual Conference Registration Form

To register for the conference, please complete this form and send it and payment to reach Gordon Bliss by April 15, 2025. If you have guests attending the banquet, please add an additional \$65 for each person. You will also be required to complete a Hold Harmless Waiver to attend the conference.

Name(s) of persons attending conference:

Address:

Email: _____

Phone: _____

	Number of persons	Unit Cost	Total
Attending conference		\$125	
Guests attending only the banquet		\$65	
		Total	

If paying by check, make check in US\$ payable to
Mailing address:

Gordon Bliss.
185 Tower St.
Dedham, MA 02026 USA

To send the form electronically, please send by email to Gordon at gblisscdsg@msn.com
To pay electronically, please pay through the "SHOP" at www.cdsg.org/shop/

Do you plan to give a presentation? Yes or No

If yes, topic: _____ Estimated time: _____

DEADLINE FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS April 15, 2025.