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BACK BAY SUN

NEW LIGHT ON AN OLD NEIGHBORHOOD

Locals learn river problems

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Jeryl Oristaglio (left) of Commonwealth Avenue, state Representative Alice Wolf (center), who sponsored a Swimmable Charles Bill, and Linda Lerner of Beacon Street were guests on the cruise for river advocates and politicians jointly sponsored by the Charles River Conservancy, The Esplanade Association, and the Charles River Watershed Association. The three organizations talked about improving the river's water quality and reducing the phosphates that cause the blue-green algae bloom. Reappearance of the bloom, which causes stinging, threatened this year's Charles River Swim, held on July 21. Last year's swim was canceled because of it.