**PirateCon 2016**

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PirateCon 2016 will be Saturday, June 25th at the Tent City Community Room, 130 Dartmouth Street, Boston, MA 02116. It will start at 10am and end at 6pm. Besides holding talks on a variety of topics, we will elect our Pirate Council. [Aaron James](https://voteaaronjames.org/), Pirate Party candidate for 27th Middlesex State Representative will speak.

**Registration**

Registration is $10. Youth under 18 are free. [You can pay in advance](https://secure.piryx.com/donate/ZeBuHGQi/Massachusetts-Pirate-Party/piratecon2016) or just [tell us you will attend](https://masspirates.org/crew/forms/register-piratecon-2016) if you prefer to pay at the door or are under 18.

**Schedule**

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| **Time** | **Talk/Panel** | **Speakers** |
| 10am | Keynote | Aaron James |
| 10:30am | What We Can Accomplish in Town Meeting | Steve Revilak (Pirate Party Quartermaster & Arlington Town Meeting Member) |
| 11am | Pirate Organizing | Group Discussion |
| noon | Lunch & Key Signing | |
| 1pm | Cannabis Legalization | John Minsion |
| 2pm | The Dark Web | Paul Paradise, Kendra Moyer |
| 3pm | Lightning Talks & Pirate Issue Discussion | |
| 4:30pm | Municipal Rights | Terra Friedrichs (Pass Mass. Amendment) |
| 5pm | FOIA For Fun and Liberation | Maya Shaffer |

**Speaker Bios**

**Aaron James** is the Pirate Party candidate for 27th Middlesex State Representative.

**Steve Revilak** is Quartermaster of the Pirate Party and an Arlington Town Meeting Member.

**Terra Friedrichs** is the lead organizer for the [Pass Mass. Amendment ballot initiative](http://passmassamendment.org/).

**Maya Shaffer** is a CoFounder of [The Bay State Examiner](http://www.baystateexaminer.com/) a government watchdog news outlet that covers Massachusetts. She writes a column on the state’s public records law for [DigBoston](http://digboston.com/) through a partnership with the [Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism](https://medium.com/@BINJ) and frequently writes about issues of police abuse, governmental waste and corruption, and general lack of transparency in Massachusetts. Her background is activism and she was a founding member of MassOps the constitutional trolling crew.

**Paul R. Paradise** is a bestselling author of nine nonfiction books including Trademark Counterfeiting, Product Piracy, and the Billion Dollar Threat to the U.S. Economy published by Praeger in 1999. Paradise is an expert on the subject of counterfeit piracy and, in addition to publishing a well received fiction book about the subject, has also been a celebrated speaker to groups nationwide.