



**Figure 4.3.** Monthly-averaged river discharge for the Merrimack River (that discharges north of Cape Ann) and the Charles River (that discharges through Boston Harbor) (a), and salinity at 5 and 23 m at the USGS-MWRA long-term monitoring site LT-A in western Massachusetts Bay (see Figure 3.1 for location). Vertical bars are plus and minus one standard deviation around the mean value (dot).