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### Captain Bob Murray on The Carolina Girl

"From the water, you can see what South Carolina really looks like: all the greenery in the marshes, the oyster-catchers along the shore, the dolphins, the pelicans all around."

"I just love being out here. The water has played such a large part in shaping who I am and who my sons are. My one son is an expert fisherman, and my other son was in just about every surfing competition on the East Coast, so now he's at the University of Hawaii, surfing the water there."

"Me, I spent years as a stockbroker with a charter business on the side before I finally decided to make my hobby a full-time job. I found a beautiful 100-foot yacht (*The Carolina Girl*) with three levels, and I refurbished the interior for year-round special event charters."

"We depart from Ripley Light Yacht Club, across from California Dreaming, and go down along the Charleston waterfront, especially along the Battery, so you can really see how beautiful the buildings look from the water."

"We swing around under the new bridge, see the ocean or the Intracoastal Waterway, look at the lighthouse on Folly, and come back along the James Island side."

"It's a part of the area that you just won't see unless you're on the water. And it's so beautiful out here. Watching the tides gives you such a sense of freedom."

"We go on three- to four-hour trips, which is perfect for wedding and bridal events."

"Because each level on *The Carolina Girl* has its own sound system, you could listen to jazz and blues in the formal dining room, maybe some Jimmy Buffet in the Key West room downstairs, and a band on the upper deck."

"Because the interior decks can be kept nice and comfortable all year, my plan is to be out here year round. I want to spend the rest of my career right here, on the water."

—As told to Jason A. Zwiker

*About the neighborhood: Access to an abundance of waterways, including Charleston Harbor, the Intracoastal Waterway, rivers aplenty, and, of course, the Atlantic Ocean, is considered one of the best aspects of living in the Lowcountry. What's the story on your neighborhood? E-mail [jason@zwiker.com](mailto:jason@zwiker.com) for a chance to give your 'hood its due.*

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