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A New Year-Round Luxury Yacht, the Carolina Girl, Provides a Unique Event Venue for Charleston

CHARLESTON, SC (July 9, 2008) – As of June, 2008, the Carolina Girl luxury yacht is officially ready to set sail. Comfortably seating 150 guests and available year-round, the Carolina Girl is the ultimate venue for future brides, companies, couples celebrating an anniversary, or VIPs who are seeking a unique venue for their next event.

The Carolina Girl contains three public decks, each with distinct décor and purpose:

- The bottom level, the 'Key West Room,' comfortably seats 40 and contains booth spaces for relaxing.
- The middle deck is a formal dining area, holding up to 88 guests with a full-service bar.
- The top deck is open air with seating for 30 and ample space for a live band and dancing.
- The yacht is equipped with air-conditioning and heating for the bottom and middle decks and a sound system that can feature different music on each deck.

Various well-known Charleston attractions can be seen best from the yacht's top deck - including the Ashley River Bridge, James Island Connector, Charleston City Marina, and downtown's historic district. For guests needing overnight accommodations, the yacht is a short walk away from the Springhill Suites by Marriott and Residence Inn by Marriott, located within walking distance of the ship's dock. And with a parking lot capacity of up to 100 cars, parking is almost never a problem.

The Carolina Girl is owned by Captain Bob Murray, who purchased and meticulously renovated the 100-foot luxury yacht, bringing the boat all the way from Maine to its new home at the Ripley Light Yacht Club in the Charleston Harbor. Prior to owning the Carolina Girl, Captain Bob worked as an economics professor at SUNY Plattsburg College in upstate New York and a stockbroker in Charleston. He then became part-owner of Charleston Air and Sea Charters where he captained the celebrated fifty-foot Columbian sailboat, Serena. As of June 2008, Carolina Girl is the only luxury yacht available for event rental that berths in Charleston year-round.

"Charleston has needed the Carolina Girl for the last 20 years," said Captain Bob, "I searched for quite some time before finding the Carolina Girl."

Now that Charleston has the Carolina Girl, party-goers can enjoy the yacht spring through winter, making it the only non-tour luxury yacht permanently stationed in the city.

About Carolina Girl:

Carolina Girl is a luxurious yacht that serves as a unique event venue in Charleston. Comfortably seating 150 people, Carolina Girl delivers the perfect pairing of a posh setting with unparalleled views of the Charleston Harbor year-round. The yacht provides a distinctive location for an unforgettable event. For more information visit: www.carolinagirlevents.com or call 843.818.2495.

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