

We'd like to thank you, Carolina Girl: Carolina Girl yacht hosts children from Epworth Children's Home

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On Sunday, August 8, 2010, the Carolina Girl luxury yacht hosted an afternoon cruise in Charleston Harbor for more than 80 children from the Epworth Children's Home, located in Columbia, South Carolina.

For the second year in a row, Captain Bob Murray invited kids from the Home to board his 100-foot yacht to enjoy Charleston from a unique perspective. The children experienced firsthand the responsibilities of a captain

including navigating with a GPS, keeping an eye on the weather with radar and overseeing his mates on board.

"Captain Bob let us drive the boat and we saw dolphins, birds and other people sailing," said Brett, a current resident at the Epworth Children's Home. "It was fun to act like we were on the Titanic because the boat was so large and beautiful."

The children traveled from Columbia that morning to attend a local church service followed by lunch provided by members of the congregation. They then boarded the Carolina Girl for an afternoon on the water.

Reflecting on the children's experience on the yacht, Rev. John Holler, President of the Epworth Children's Home, said, "The trip broadened their horizons. It was a definite 'wow' experience because it was a first for so many of them. They literally jumped up and down with squeals of delight. I give thanks to Captain Bob and his crew for their gift to children who call Epworth home."

Since 1896, the Epworth Children's Home has provided a safe residence for children from broken homes. Situated on 35 acres in the heart of the state, the Home, which currently provides for more than 150 children and young adults was originally established by the South Carolina Annual Conference, now known as the United Methodist Church. The home employs more than 75 staff members and great care is taken in providing the children with comprehensive services that meet their emotional, physical and spiritual needs. For more information on the Epworth Children's Home, call 803-256-7394 or visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

The Carolina Girl is a luxury yacht and event venue which sails out of Ripley Point in West Ashley. Comfortably seating 150 guests, the Carolina Girl provides a posh setting and unparalleled views of Charleston Harbor. For more info, contact Camille Keil at camille@carolinagirlevents.com or call 818-2495.