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## Mellow Mushroom's 'Tantra: Cruise' benefits Teachers' Supply Closet

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Get your tantra on tonight with Mellow Mushroom's third annual Fundraiser Cruise, "Tantra: Cruise for a Cause to Benefit Teachers' Supply Closet."

Leaving from Ripley Light Yacht Club, the Carolina Girl will tour the Charleston harbor from 7 to 10 p.m.



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Guests can view the Charleston Harbor on Mellow Mushroom's Tantra Cruise.

"All Charlestonians that believe in helping out a great cause (should come)," said managing partner of Mellow Mushroom, Joshua Broome. "It is one of those rare opportunities where you can do something to benefit others while having an amazing time doing it. Open bar, sushi and ear-melting jams from Rocky Horror, all while cruising on a luxury yacht in the Charleston Harbor. Need I say more?"

Thirty percent of the proceeds will go to help Teachers' Supply Closet. This organization is a nonprofit that provides free school supplies to teachers in the tri-county area.

It serves schools with 90 percent of its students on the free or reduced lunch program and has a goal to reach those with a 70 percent index. According to Teachers' Supply Closet, teachers spend more than \$1,200 of their own money supplying their classrooms but only receive a \$275 yearly stipend from the State Department of Education for supplies. Next year, the closet plans to help close to 5,000 children and 400 teachers in the Charleston area.

"The children are our future. We have to take care of the children," said Deborah Halon, special events coordinator for Teachers' Supply Closet. "It's through education that children will reach their potential. We need to be part of a community that cares. Charleston was voted most friendly city; we should also be the most caring city."

That's exactly why this cruise has a tantric theme.

### If you go

What: Tantra: Cruise for a Cause. A three-hour cruise around Charleston harbor.

Where: Leaves from Ripley Light Yacht Club.

When: 7-10 p.m. today.

Tickets:

[mellowtantra.eventbrite.com](http://mellowtantra.eventbrite.com).

Prices: \$55 general admission; \$90 VIP. Only 150 tickets available. Must be at least 21 years old

Web site:

[teacherssupplycloset.org](http://teacherssupplycloset.org).

"Tantra is about doing the right thing and having positive energy," Broome said. "Mellow Mushroom tries everyday to live up to this ideology. We realize that karma truly is a great mover in this world. We simply try to always do our part, no matter how large or small our contributions. It is the accumulation of many small grass-roots efforts that drive change. It is our civic duty."

He continued, "according to Tibetan Buddhist Tantric practitioner Lama Thubten Yeshe, 'each one of us is a union of all universal energy. Everything that we need in order to be complete is within us right at this very moment. It is simply a matter of being able to recognize it. This is the Tantric approach.' We feel that the tantric ideas really compliment the energy that we want to create on the boat."

Mellow Mushroom's head chef, Greg Fowler, will be creating a special menu with sushi dishes and fish tacos. An open bar will be provided by Magic Hat Brewery, Jeremiah Weed Sweet Tea Vodka and Smirnoff Vodka.

A personal server, access to the open air sun deck on the top floor, Bulliet Bourbon, Ketel One Vodka, Crown Royal and Zwack Liqueur round out the additional perks of VIPs.

*Editor's note: Earlier versions of this story had a photo of a different ship. The Post and Courier regrets the error.*

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