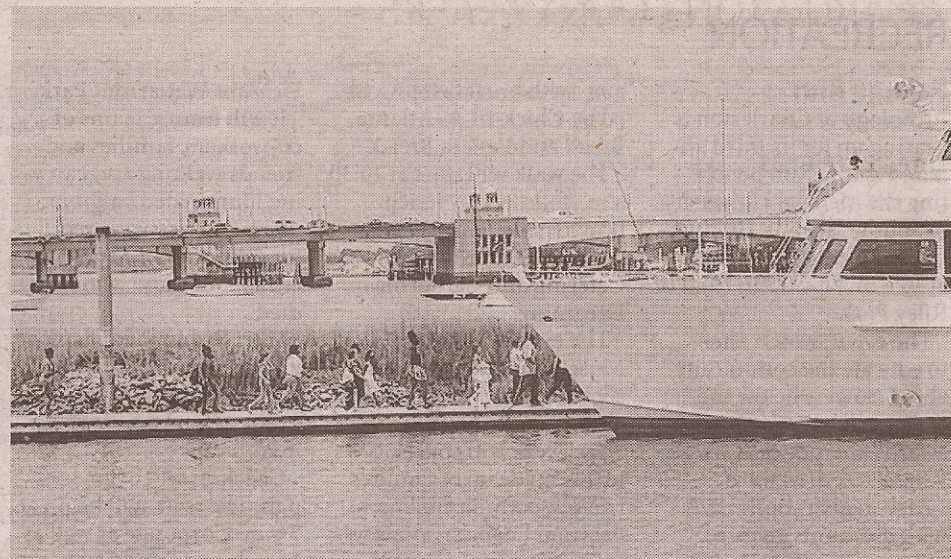




The Carolina Girl yacht recently hosted children from the Epworth Home.



Capt. Bob Murray invited kids to board his 100-foot yacht.

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Children spend afternoon on local waters

The Carolina Girl yacht recently hosted an afternoon cruise in Charleston Harbor for 80-plus children from the Epworth Children's Home in Columbia.

For the second year in a row, Capt. Bob Murray

invited kids to board his 100-foot yacht to enjoy Charleston from the water. The children experienced firsthand the responsibilities of a captain, including navigating with a GPS, keeping an eye on weather

with the radar and overseeing his mates on board.

"Capt. Bob let us drive the boat, and we saw dolphins, birds and other people sailing," says Brett, a resident at the 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 and attended a local church service followed by lunch provided by members of the congregation. They then boarded

the Carolina Girl for the cruise around Charleston.

Reflecting on the experience, the 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 Capt. Bob and his crew for their gift to children who call Epworth home."