Yacht club hosts 200 children on bay cruise

CRUISING ALONG — Ruth Gray, Annapolis Alderwoman, and her daughter Martha, and Jennifer Lewis enjoy a summer cruise.

SUMMER FUN — Cruising down the Bay . . . What a summer to remember. One of the boats in the Seafarers flotilla enjoys the outing.

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ALL ABOARD — (Pictured front row, left to right) is Eric Beavers, Ricky Gilbreath, Deidre Williams, Martha Gray, Jennifer Lewis and Jente Green. (Second row, left to right) is Ruth C. Gray, Mary Wallace, Captain Wendell P. Gardner, Karen Lewis and Tootie Gardner.

By Bonnie Matthews Butler

The Seafarers Yacht Club, once again showed its continuing commitment to children when they hosted the second annual "Annapolis Cruise Day" last Saturday.

Over 200 children from the City of Annapolis were given the opportunity to cruise down the Chesapeake Bay with city officials in more than 40 boats owned by members of the Seafarers.

Even though the skies threatened to dampen the day and spirits of everyone, the children were really excited and couldn't wait to be piped aboard.

"I waited all week to come," exclaimed seven-year-old Deidre Williams of Landover, MD who with his cousin Jente Green, 8 and friends Ricky Gilreath, 8 and Eric Beavers, 6, were the first aboard the boat for the cruise.

"We wanted inner-city children to know there are some other goals to achieve in sports so we started taking them out on our boats for the exposure," said Wendell P. Gardner, who captains the yacht' 'Wendy-Kay'.

During the cruise, Captain Gardner and his wife and first-mate "Tootie" explained the use of life preservers to the children and they learned other fascinating facts about boating, the club and it's various programs.

This program, however, is not a new one for the Seafarers. For the fifth year now, the club has taken over 200 children from Baltimore on cruises twice a year.

And it was with the help of Zastro Simms, community relations specialist with the Mayor's Office for the City of Annapolis who was instrumental in bringing the program to the children of Annapolis.

The Seafarers, now in its 28th year, boasts a membership of about 60 with 66% of the members, boat owners.

Some along for "Cruise Day" were: Dennis Callahan, Mayor of Annapolis; Ruth C. Gray, Alderman, City of Annapolis and her daughter Martha; Zastro Simms, community relations specialist, City of Annapolis; Jim Jackson, past commodore of the Seafarers;

Jim McEddy, coordinator of the outing; Frank Lewis and his daughters Karen and Jennifer and Mary Wallace, chaperone.

Look for the Seafarers in Baltimore for the annual outing and dinner dance August 5-7.

Douglass Jr. ROTC cadets get awards

Cadets from the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps of Frederick Douglass Senior High School joined cadets from 27 other schools for a two-week encampment at Fort Devens, MA.

Code named **Camp Freedom,** 353 young men and women from these schools, accompanied by school army instructors, chaperones and occasional parents, trekked from as far away as Puerto Rico.

They came from East Coast states ranging from Maine to South Carolina to begin their summer challenge of "being all they could be."

Trained by the officers and men of the 1st Bn., 320th Regt., Div. (Tng), the cadets received intensified leadership training under the highly skilled and dedicated drill personnel and instructors of the unit and post support personnel.

Cadets from Douglass won the following awards and certificates: Leadership Citation, Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement, The Paratrooper Certificate,

All were cited for being an integral part of the Best Overall Company. Cadet Kevin Robinson, 2102 Elsinor Ave., was selected as Best Commander.

Other cadets receiving citations were:

Jerome Anderson, 1921 Eutaw Pl.; Thomas Simms, III, 2435 Francis St.; Charles Green, 3004 Tioga Pkwy;

Anthony Smiley, 1917 Eutaw St.; Kevin Robinson, 2102 Elsinore Ave.; and Darryl Jackson, 2902 Baker St.

The school and community are justifiably proud of the accomplishment of these outstanding students. We salute them, the instructors, and Mrs. Jean B. Owens, principal of Douglass.

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( ) Somewhat positive
( ) Even-handed
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( ) Somewhat negative

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( ) Somewhat strong
( ) Very weak
( ) Somewhat weak

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( ) Controversial
( ) Too controversial
( ) Not controversial at all, but should be
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( ) Very good
( ) Good
( ) Fair
( ) Poor
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( ) Newsbytes box
( ) Color keyed sections
( ) Use of color throughout the paper

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14. Do you feel the AFRO has:
( ) Less errors than a year ago
( ) More errors
( ) About the same as a year ago

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( ) More style AND substance
( ) More style THAN substance
( ) No style and no substance

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( ) Every Wednesday
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( ) Under $10,000
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( ) $30,000-$50,000
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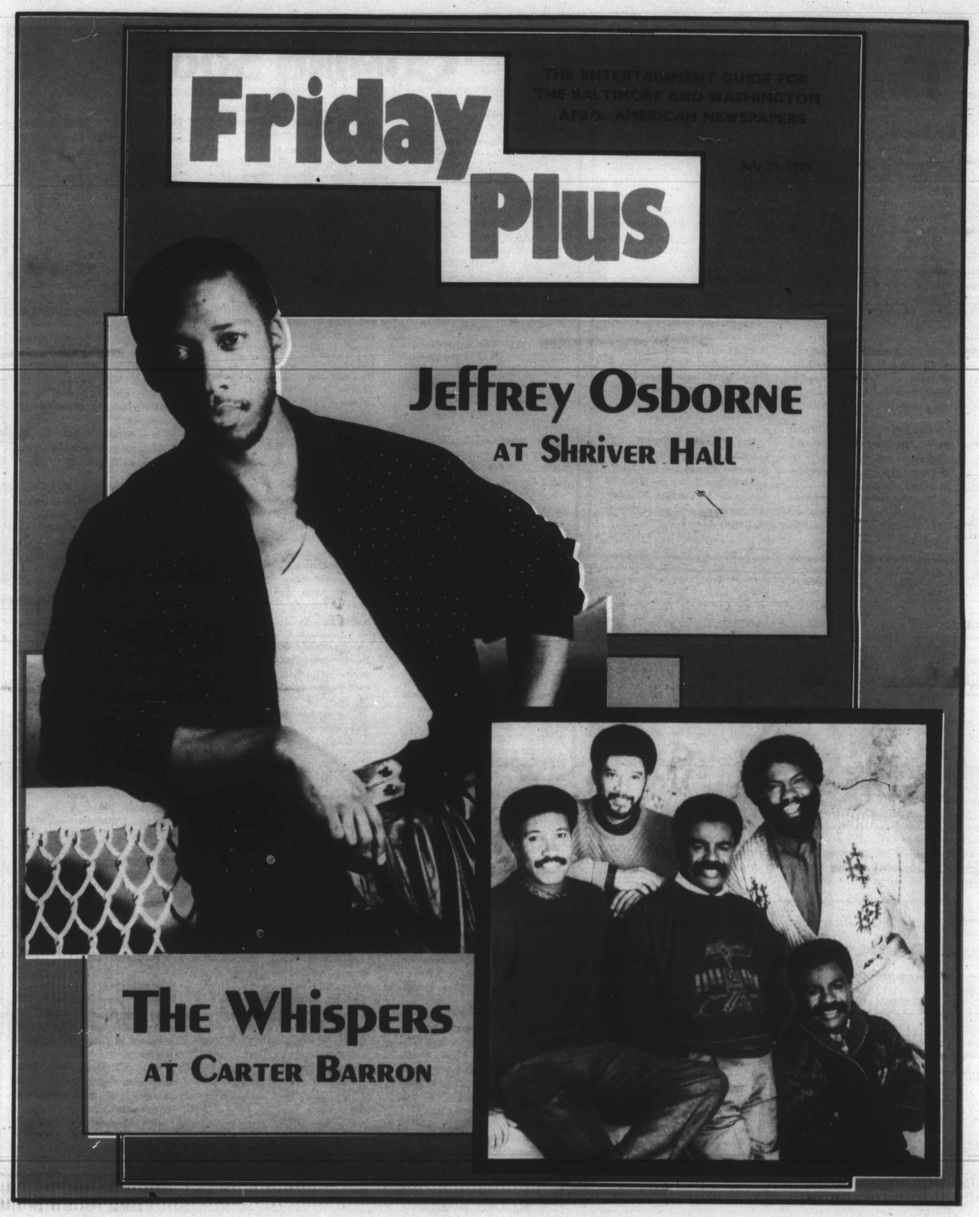
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