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Background

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Cruises on the Bay™ by Watermark® Destination Fun

(Annapolis, MD) -- Cruises on the Bay by Watermark offers the most refreshing ways for people to get out on the water and enjoy a boat ride, a tour, a cruise. The fleet includes water taxis and yachts, large boats and small, to offering a variety of ways to experience the waters in and around the Chesapeake Bay. Watermark's home ports are Annapolis and Baltimore.

Harbor Queen, a river-boat style passenger vessel, is 65' long and accommodates up to 297 passengers. With the celebration of her 40th birthday in 2012, Harbor Queen has entertained countless school groups, families, friends and a variety of visitors to the Annapolis waterfront. "She is an icon of the Annapolis waterfront," says Debbie Gosselin, president of Watermark. "We hear from so many of our guests that they remember her when they were a child or a student." Primarily used for 40-minute tours in Spa Creek and the Severn River, Harbor Queen is also a great party boat for entertaining river cruises.

Another long time favorite of visitors and locals alike in the Maryland capital is the water taxi fleet. Used by both landlubbers and our visiting waterborne guests, for as little as \$3, people can ease both foot and car traffic with a call or radio hail to the water taxi for a quick and pleasant ride to their desired destination around the Downtown area. With 4 taxis shuttling people between Back and Spa Creek, these open air 24' boats are a quick, easy and affordable way to arrive in real Annapolis style.

Cruises on the Bay by Watermark has expanded their water-enjoyment opportunities over the past 40 years. "We have listened to our guests and tried to accommodate their wishes in our cruise options," Debbie Gosselin explained. "Some people want a quick cruise to get their water-fix, others are looking for a more time-luxurious experience--we have everything from short hops to day-long excursions for the general public to enjoy."

The Day on the Bay cruise from Annapolis to St. Michaels, MD includes over 4 hours of cruising the Chesapeake Bay and Miles River as well as at least 3 hours to enjoy the village of St. Michaels. Also included in this day-long excursion is admission to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime

Museum with all its special and unique offerings of the history and life of the Chesapeake Bay. This popular cruise runs primarily on Saturdays in the summer season with a few Monday and Wednesday dates available.

Some of the most popular options are the 90-minute cruises on weekends and holidays. Guests board one of our yachts for a refreshing way of seeing the sites of our unique Annapolis area. From the narrows of the Severn River to the Thomas Point Lighthouse to the magnificent twin spans of the Chesapeake Bay Bridges, these cruises offer different slices of life in and around the Chesapeake Bay. All Watermark yachts, with the exception of the water taxis, offer a complete cruising experience with full service bars and snacks available for purchase.

Cruises on the Bay by Watermark expanded their special cruise options into the Inner Harbor of Baltimore. Annapolitan II, the Big Red Boat located at the Light Street Finger Piers near the Baltimore Visitor Center, offers 45-minute narrated cruises during the day and several evening cruises on the weekend. With the resurgence of the Inner Harbor and a strong return to its waterfront roots, Cruises on the Bay by Watermark wants to share the fun experience in yet another part of the Chesapeake Bay. Kids of all ages have enjoyed the steering station on the top deck of Annapolitan II! Raven, the beautiful Big Purple Boat made her debut in her home port of the Inner Harbor in June 2012.

“There is so much to explore and enjoy,” declared Gosselin. “We have developed Special Event cruises to provide varied Bay experiences.” Some of these include the Bay Lighthouses Cruise, encompassing 3 area lighthouses with a historically-attired interpreter to enhance the experience. Music cruises, Fireworks events, Blue Angels demonstration cruises are all a part of the Cruises on the Bay by Watermark seasonal lineup. “We get out on the water with the best variety of cruises -- there is truly something for everyone,” concluded Gosselin.

About Watermark

Watermark immerses people in the history, culture and fun of the Chesapeake area more completely than any other tour or charter company. Whether you want to learn or just enjoy, no one else offers so many ways to experience this special place, both by land and by water. Watermark® an Annapolis-based, locally owned and operated business, has been creating authentic experiences since 1972. Watermark sub-brands include Annapolis Tours® by Watermark®, offering the original Annapolis colonial tours; Cruises on the Bay™ by Watermark®, with the easiest way to have fun on the water; Yacht Charters on the Bay™ by Watermark®, and Wedding on the Bay™ by Watermark®, offer flawless events on pristine yachts; Destination Education™ by Watermark®, gives teachers the most engaging way to immerse their students in history. For a complete list of walking tours, sightseeing cruises, yacht charters and services offered by Watermark visit www.cruisesonthebay.com.

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