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Old World Romance of the Sea Found in North Texas Historic Sailing Vessel Transports Passengers on Lake Grapevine

Fort Worth, Tex. | (February 7, 2012) Sailing aboard the **Black Watch**, it's easy to imagine that you're on the high seas in some faraway, long-ago adventure. But the charm of the sailing life can be found right here in north Texas on Lake Grapevine. Black Watch, the largest single wooden-masted sailing vessel in a commercial operation anywhere in the Southwest, provides charters for up to six passengers. Black Watch has hosted fashion photo shoots, videos and news features. But more often, it provides special memories for romantic cruises, family adventures, relaxing weekends, team-building and all-around delight.

Captain Dave makes it his mission to provide his guests with a memorable experience. "When they're on board the Black Watch, they're yacht owners with their own private captain and crew. We wait on them hand-and-foot, have the wine chilled, flowers in a vase, and arrange the food on crystal and china," said Dave. "The sails are rippling, the sunset is flaming, and time stands still." The Black Watch has been the scene of many proposals and anniversary celebrations. Captain Dave does his part to help out nervous young men, making sure the setting is perfect, and then giving the couple their privacy.

As Captain of the Black Watch, Dave loves his work and carefully maintains the Black Watch to keep it in pristine condition. He has spent 23 years as a commercial captain and has a US Coast Guard (USCG) Merchant Marine Masters license for 100GT. He's also an accomplished scuba diver and instructor.

Crafted in 1979, the Black Watch is a 38-foot sloop with a 48-foot mast and weighs 24,000 pounds. The intimate cabin provides comfortable seating and dining with heating and air conditioning, and is trimmed in polished teakwood. Its beautiful features have made it a popular setting for magazine and catalog photos, and it has been featured on news and travel videos.

Charters are available every day of the week, starting at only \$60 per person with a two-person minimum. Romantic dinner cruises and Texas-style BBQ picnics are also available. To reserve a charter or learn more about the Black Watch, visit <http://blackwatchesailing.com> or call Captain Dave at 817-296-0130.



Additional photos available.