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Training ship hopes to land some cash

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Bay City can't get enough of ships this summer.

The Gray Fox, a Sea Cadet training vessel for the U.S. Navy, will return to Bay City on Saturday and be open for tours throughout the week.

The ship, built in 1985 as TR 825; launched and retrieved test torpedoes and targets for the Navy.

She was decommissioned in 1995 and sent to Port Huron in August 1997, and now is the largest Sea Cadets vessel in the United States.

The ship will be in Bay City for the second successive year as a fund-raiser to help bring the USS Charles F. Adams to Bay City. The Adams is a decommissioned Navy destroyer that supporters are hoping to dock permanently at Veterans Memorial Park.

Organizers hope to raise \$12,000 while the Gray Fox is docked in Bay City. Between \$5,000 and \$6,000 will go into the Adams fund, with the rest going to the Gray Fox. All money raised will come through donations.

The Gray Fox will dock at Wenonah Park. Tours will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday through Friday. Tours are free, but donations are suggested.

The Charles Adams committee needs \$2 million to bring the ship to Bay City. It has raised \$1 million in



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funds and in-kind services to date, said Michael J. Kegley, president of the Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum.

It is expensive to bring the Gray Fox to Bay City, said Kegley.

"It will cost about \$2,000 worth of fuel just to get here," said Kegley. "Then we have to feed the sea cadets for a week."

The crew for the Bay City visit will include 40 advanced cadets, most from the Mount Pleasant area, said Lt. Cmdr. Bill Barnhardt, captain of the Gray Fox.

On the morning of Aug. 22, the ship will depart from Wenonah Park with 40 members of the Boys & Girls Club of Bay County Inc.

"There will be a special cruise in the middle of the week and we will be taking them up the Saginaw River and teaching them about the ship," said Barnhardt.

The cruise for the Boys & Girls Clubs is new this year, but organizers hope to make it an annual event.

The Navel Sea Cadet Corps is a program for children 13-18 years old. Cadets go through boot camp and then do shipboard training on vessels like the Gray Fox.

Former cadets may be eligible to enlist in the armed forces at an advanced pay grade and those attending college may be eligible for scholarships.

The committee to bring the Adams to Bay City is looking for sponsors, each paying between \$100 and \$1,000. Each sponsor will be entitled to place two passengers on a cruise aboard the Gray Fox on Aug. 22.

As of Monday, organizers had raised \$11,450 from these 16 sponsors: The Boys & Girls Clubs, Saginaw Bay Mortgage Co., Credit Union Plus, Bay Valley Resort, AFLAC of Bay City, Harmond and Chris Schaefer and Associates, Brennan Realty Co., Wholesale Electric of Bay City, Frank's Bait and Tackle of Linwood, Dean Arbour Ford of

Pinconning, Rupp Oil Co. Inc., Krzysiak House Restaurant & Catering of Bay City, Tom Tabor Jr., the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Soaring Eagle Casino, Moulthrop-Clift Insurance Inc. and National City Bank.

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