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Cape May – Lewes Ferry Celebrates Milestone *45 Millionth Passenger Riding Delaware Bay Ferry Service*

(North Cape May, NJ) At approximately 9:50 a.m. this morning, the Cape May – Lewes Ferry registered its 45 millionth passenger at the Cape May Ferry Terminal. Marcus and Jill Villecco of Jackson, New Jersey purchased a ticket for the 10:30 AM departure bound for Lewes, Delaware.

DRBA Commissioner Shirley Wilson presented the Villecco family with a gift package of Cape May - Lewes Ferry logo items, free passage today on the Ferry, and a certificate valid for future travel aboard the Cape May – Lewes Ferry. Mr. and Mrs. Villecco, with sons, Boe and Vince were traveling to Delaware with three other camping families for a vacation to Trap Pond State Park and then Assateague Island, Maryland. The Villecco family uses the ferry service annually for this family vacation tradition.

For more than fifty years, the Cape May - Lewes Ferry has offered continuous service for residents and visitors alike between the Cape May, New Jersey and Lewes, Delaware resort regions. In addition to 45 million passengers, the popular ferry service has transported more than 14 million vehicles in its history. On July 1, 1964, the first ferry vessel departed the Lewes terminal at 6:47 a.m., carrying eight vehicles and fifteen passengers. Since its inception, the Cape May – Lewes Ferry has been integral to the development of the Twin Capes region.

The Cape May – Lewes Ferry is owned and operated by the Delaware River and Bay Authority, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962. The Ferry is open year-round and has carried more than 43 million passengers since its inception on July 1, 1964. In 2015, the ferry service, which connects Victorian Cape May, New Jersey, and historic Lewes, Delaware, transported approximately 275,000 vehicles and nearly 1 million passengers. For schedule, rates and other program information, please visit the ferry's website at www.CMLF.com, or call toll free, [800-643-3779](tel:800-643-3779). Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @CMLFerry.

CMLF_Villecco_45Million.jpg: (left to right) Cape May – Lewes Ferry mascot, Pirate Pete; Commissioner Shirley Wilson; Boe Villecco (5), Marcus Villecco, Vince Villecco (3), Jill Villecco, and Mick McNally, Assistant Director of Ferry Operations.

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