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Cape May – Lewes Ferry Promotes Sharon Urban to Captain First Female Permanent Captain in History of Delaware Bay Service

CAPE MAY, NJ – Today, Cape May – Lewes Ferry officials announced the promotion of Sharon Lyn Urban of Cape May, NJ to rank of Captain in the Marine Department effective Sunday, July 19, 2020. Captain Urban, who is the first permanent female Captain in the history of the ferry service, reports to Port Captain Derek Robinson.

“I’m honored to be selected to serve as a Captain aboard the Cape May – Lewes Ferry,” Urban said. “I’m grateful for all the training, advice, and support that I have received from my family and colleagues, past and present, over the years. I love being on the water and I take pride in providing the best possible service for our customers and leading by example. I’ve been in training for this position for 29 years, and it’s a tremendous opportunity. I couldn’t ask for a better career!”

“Sharon is a well-respect marine professional,” said Derek Robinson, Port Captain at the Cape May – Lewes Ferry. “Our Captains are more than vessel operators. They set the tone of the operation, mentor crew members, and are responsible for providing our customers a quality experience every day. Sharon was selected because she can meet the challenge.”

“We’re fortunate to have her as part of our team,” Robinson added.

Ms. Urban joined the Cape May – Lewes Ferry marine department as Ordinary Seaman in 1997. With additional certifications and accrued sea time, she rose through the ranks, serving as an Able-bodied Seaman, Mate, and Pilot prior to her recent promotion.

As the manager and leader of a marine operations crew, the Captain has full responsibility for the safe and efficient operation of the vessel and the safety of passengers and crew. She is also responsible for compliance with all regulations applicable to the interstate marine transportation of vehicles and passengers.

Captain Urban possesses a United States Coast Guard Inland Masters License of unlimited tonnage and her USCG First Class Pilot upon the Delaware Bay. In addition to her USCG licenses, Captain Urban is also certified in CPR/First Aid, advanced marine firefighting and marine radio and radar operations obtained certification in ARPA, and medical care provider.

About the Cape May-Lewes Ferry

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 45 million passengers since its inception on July 1, 1964. In 2019, 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. Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @CMLFerry.