



# The Delaware River and Bay Authority

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### **Celebrate Delaware's Historic Lighthouses** *Festival Takes Place at the Lewes Terminal of the Cape May – Lewes Ferry*

(Lewes, DE) Picturesque lighthouses decorate Delaware Bay's coastline, often serving as the subjects of paintings, photographs, and historical inquiry. Sponsored by the Delaware River & Bay Lighthouse Foundation, Delaware's first-ever Lighthouse Festival will be held on Saturday, August 11 at the Lewes Ferry terminal and feature exhibits and programs related to Delaware's historic lighthouses.

"A beacon of hope for sailors and merchants, lighthouses are unique to 'beach towns' such as Lewes and Fenwick and therefore an important part of local culture," says Heath Gehrke, Director of Ferry Operations. "The festival is not only packed with fun activities and entertainment, but it is also a great opportunity for the community to learn more about these special structures and the people who manned them."

From chats with descendants of former keepers to lighthouse art and photography, this festival features a variety of exhibits, programs, and activities highlighting a number of Delaware lighthouses, including Cape Henlopen Lighthouse, the Harbor of Refuge Light Station and more. In addition to musical entertainment, food and drink from area restaurants, children's activities, raffles, and more, display booths sponsored by Lewes Historical Society and other local foundations will communicate each lighthouse's unique story.

**When:** Saturday, August 11, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** On the Green at the Lewes Terminal of the Cape May – Lewes Ferry, 43 Cape Henlopen Drive in Lewes, Delaware.

**Admission to the festival is free. For New Jersey visitors, the festival is easily accessible as a foot passenger on the Cape May – Lewes Ferry on the 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. departures from Cape May.**

Guided tours of the Delaware Breakwater East End Lighthouse (advanced reservation required and cost is separate from festival tickets) are also available. To learn more about the festival programs and tours available, please visit [www.delawarelighthousefestival.com](http://www.delawarelighthousefestival.com).

#### **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 40 million passengers since its inception on July 1, 1964. In 2011, 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](http://www.CMLF.com), or call toll free, 800-643-3779.

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