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The Cape May - Lewes Ferry to Host "The Great American Eat Off" *Event to Honor, Benefit the United States Coast Guard*

(Cape May, NJ) On Thursday, August 31 at 5:00 p.m., the Cape May – Lewes Ferry will host The Great American Eat Off – a new media show that showcases TV Host Gail Kasper against a competitor to see who can eat the fastest. The competition will take place at the Ferry's On the Rocks Dockside Grill at the Cape May Ferry Terminal. Following this initial competition, Professional Competitive Eater John "Oink Oink" Bradley will take the table to challenge the winning time, and if he wins, he will earn additional funds to be donated to the winning charity. Participants in this edition of The Great American Eat Off are focused on raising awareness for the Coast Guard Enlisted Memorial Foundation and the Cape May Coast Guard Community Foundation.

On The Rocks Dockside Grill, which is known for their fabulous burgers, is a fun place for Ms. Kasper to face off against her U.S. Coast Guard competitor to eat a Dock Burger and a Mac Attack burger in the fastest time possible. On The Rocks is known for its "Best Burgers on the Bay" with the two overloaded burgers being two of the most popular. Professional Competitive Eater John "Oink Oink" Bradley, a Top 5 Finalist at the 2017 Wing Bowl, will then have to eat double the food and beat the winning time. In addition to the Dock and Mac Attack burgers, he'll need to consume a Turkey Burger and Portabella Burger in less time than his competitors to eat just the two burgers.

Gail Kasper is the Host of FerryVision TV shown on the Ferry and throughout the area, as well as the Philadelphia Visitors Channel, viewed by over 40 Million people every year traveling in and out of Philadelphia. A Motivational Speaker who has worked with our Troops and inner-city school children, Kasper said, "This show has a very special meaning to me, far beyond other competitions. My Uncle Al was lost at sea when I was kid. It was the Coast Guard who searched tirelessly to find him."

“As a proud Coast Guard community member, we’re pleased to host the Great American Eat Off, which benefits Coast Guard related charities,” said Heath Gehrke, Director of Ferry Operations. “It brings added excitement to our terminal facility and is a great opportunity to bring greater awareness to the amazing work that the United States Coast Guard does.”

The Great American Eat Off’s theme is to bring America together in fun for the greater good and has traveled through various cities across the country from Philadelphia to Los Angeles, raising awareness for over 75 charities in its two and a half seasons.

The show will broadcast on Facebook and Twitter LIVE to over 60,000 Followers. After the show opens, with Kasper representing one charity and a member of the Coast Guard representing the other charity, each will face off to see who can eat their meal the fastest. The eater with the winning time in this competition earns a \$100 donation to either the Cape May Coast Guard Community Foundation or the Coast Guard Enlisted Memorial Foundation. Then if John “Oink Oink” Bradley beats the winning time FACED WITH DOUBLE THE FOOD, another \$50 will be donated to each charity. THERE ARE NO LOSERS.

Local and Internet viewers may share in the experience and cheer for their favorite contestant through comments made during the show, which can be viewed at www.facebook.com/greatamericaneatoff. The public is invited to come down and watch the live filming, cheer for a competitor, and/or donate to either cause. Follow Gail on Twitter [@gailkasperfans](https://twitter.com/gailkasperfans).

About the Cape May-Lewes Ferry

The Cape May-Lewes Ferry is owned and operated by the Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA), 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 2016, 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](https://twitter.com/CMLFerry).