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Cape May – Lewes Ferry Honored with 2026 Travelers' Choice Award *Delaware Bay Service Continues to be Ranked among Top 10% Worldwide on Tripadvisor*

CAPE MAY, NJ – Today, Cape May-Lewes Ferry (CMLF) officials proudly announced that the Delaware Bay ferry service has earned the 2026 Tripadvisor® Travelers' Choice® Award. This prestigious recognition honors businesses that consistently deliver exceptional service and memorable experiences, placing the Ferry among the top 10% of listings globally on the world's largest travel guidance platform.

The Travelers' Choice Award is uniquely significant because it is determined by those who matter most: the guests. Winners are selected based on the quality and quantity of authentic, first-hand reviews and ratings submitted by travelers over the past 12 months. 2026 marks the 15th year that the Ferry service has received this distinguished seal of approval.

"Receiving the Travelers' Choice Award for the fifteenth year is an incredible honor that reflects the consistent hard work of the entire ferry team," said Heath Gehrke, Director of Ferry Operations. "Because this award is rooted entirely in guest feedback, it serves as a direct reflection of the quality and care we strive to provide on every voyage across the Delaware Bay. We are deeply grateful to our customers for sharing their journeys and for making us a top-tier destination worldwide."

As a global leader in travel guidance, Tripadvisor holds unparalleled authority in the tourism industry. Ranking within the top 10% of things to do worldwide signals to travelers that the Cape May-Lewes Ferry is a premier attraction that continually exceeds expectations in hospitality, safety, and overall experience.

"Congratulations to the Cape May – Lewes Ferry on its Tripadvisor's Travelers' Choice Award: Best of the Best win for 2026," said Laurel Greatrix, Chief Communications Officer, Tripadvisor Group. "Earning a place among the top percentage of listings globally is no small feat. It reflects the lasting impression made on travelers who took the time to go online and leave a glowing review about their experience. Travelers look to Tripadvisor's Best of the Best as a trusted guide to the world's top destinations and experiences. We hope this recognition helps inspire even more visitors in 2026 and beyond!"

Whether through marine operations, customer service, or on-board amenities, Ferry team members remain dedicated to maintaining the high standards that have made the service a staple of regional tourism for over sixty years.

About Tripadvisor

Tripadvisor, the world's largest travel guidance platform, helps millions of people each month become better travelers, from planning to booking to taking a trip. Travelers across the globe use the Tripadvisor site and app to discover where to stay, what to do and where to eat based on guidance from those who have been there before. With more than 1 billion reviews and contributions, travelers turn to Tripadvisor to find deals on accommodations, book experiences, reserve tables at delicious restaurants and discover great places nearby.

About the Cape May-Lewes Ferry

Owned and operated by the Delaware River and Bay Authority, the Cape May – Lewes Ferry is open year-round and has carried more than 50 million passengers since its inception on July 1, 1964. As an integral transportation system connecting the communities and economies on both sides of the Delaware Bay, the Ferry service is a significant catalyst for economic growth and regional tourism activity in New Jersey and Delaware. Its operations sustain over 4,000 jobs while generating tens of millions of dollars in local taxes and hundreds of millions in regional economic activity. For schedules and rates, please visit www.CMLF.com or call 800-643-3779.