

**9479. RESOLUTION 06 – 49 RECOGNIZING AND APPLAUDING OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE.** The Executive Director presented the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) is the owner and operator of the Cape May - Lewes Ferry, and;

WHEREAS, the Cape May - Lewes Ferry operates more than 6,000 crossings annually and transports approximately 375,000 vehicles and 1.1 million passengers each year between Cape May, New Jersey and Lewes, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the Authority employs caring, dedicated and highly trained individuals to respond to all types of emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2006, a catamaran capsized in the Delaware Bay approximately 1.5 miles from the Cape May shoreline causing a man and woman to go overboard; and

WHEREAS, M.V. Twin Capes crewmember Mark Vogelsong, reported a man in the water to the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the M.V. Twin Capes was immediately brought about; and

WHEREAS, the M.V. Twin Capes immediately notified the Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, M.V. Twin Capes crewmember Gayle Carter reported a woman in the water; and

WHEREAS, the M.V. Twin Capes maneuvered towards the people in the water and did not get underway until the U.S. Coast Guard safely retrieved both people; and

WHEREAS the people were taken to the Cape May Ferry Terminal by the U.S. Coast Guard where they were examined by paramedics and released; and

WHEREAS the following M.V. Twin Capes crewmembers participated in the rescue attempt of these two people:

Captain:	Peter Dudley
Pilot:	Joseph Napoleon
Boatswain:	Gayle Carter
Able Seaman 1:	Sharon Urban
Able Seaman 2:	John Hughes
Able Seaman 3:	Dorothy Bender
Ordinary Seaman 1:	Lucas McCann
Ordinary Seaman 2:	Jason Lesczynski

Chief Engineer:	Mark DeSorbo
Assistant Engineer:	Rick Murphy
Galley Supervisor:	Kathleen Kingsman
Food Handler 1:	James DeStefano
Food Handler 2:	Michael Matthews
Food Handler 3:	Megan Dobbins
Gift Shop:	Mary Jane Hazel
Bartender 1:	Mark Vogelsong
Bartender 2:	Daniel Estoclet

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the preceding employees are hereby recognized and applauded for outstanding service to the public and the Authority and formally recognized for their dedication and professionalism.

A motion to approve Resolution 06-49 was made by Commissioner Hensley, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.