



The Delaware River and Bay Authority

NEWS RELEASE

July 28, 2016
For Immediate Release

Contact
James E. Salmon
(302) 571-6409

DRBA Selects New Chief Engineers ***Promotes Two Veteran Marine Employees at the Cape May – Lewes Ferry***

(Cape May, NJ) Today, Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) officials announced the recent promotions of Nesmond King of Rio Grande, New Jersey and Travis Worster of Cape May, New Jersey to the position of Chief Engineer at the Cape May – Lewes Ferry. Both Worster and King have more than 25 years of service with the Delaware Bay ferry service. The Chief Engineer has a dual reporting structure. On-board the vessel, the Chief Engineer reports to the Captain, but the position reports to the Port Engineer for administrative purposes.

“I’m honored that the Ferry’s management selected me to be a Chief Engineer,” King said. “I appreciate the opportunity to continue to use my skills and knowledge in a different capacity. I’ve always been fascinated with Larger Diesel engines and I love the sea. What better place to work than the Cape May – Lewes Ferry.”

Worster echoed King’s sentiments. “Being a Chief Engineer is an immense responsibility that we take very seriously,” Worster added. “Passenger safety is a top priority and we’re all committed to making sure our customers have a great experience. The sea is in my blood and I look forward to coming to work every day.”

In 1985, Nesmond King joined the DRBA as a Fireman, Oiler, and Water Tender (FOWT). A graduate of Piney Point, he has had his Chief Engineers license for 23 years. In 1995, King left the Ferry to join Ellicott Machine Corp as an Engineer because he wanted to spend an extended time in Egypt having been through there on numerous occasions sailing as a Deep Sea Merchant Mariner. A graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York with a Bachelor’s Degree in Marine Engineering, Worster began his career with the Ferry as a part-time Assistant Engineer in 1990. Once active in the U.S. Naval Reserve, Mr. Worster earned his Chief Engineer license in 1995.

“I want to congratulate Nesmond and Travis on their promotion to Chief Engineer,” said Port Engineer Robert Brinck. “Both men are exemplary employees who have earned their promotions. They have the experience, skill and leadership to handle the rigors of the job. I know they’ll make outstanding contributions to the Ferry operation.”

In their role as Chief Engineers, King and Worster serve as supervisors both underway and ashore overseeing vessel equipment operations, preparing and submitting logs and reports as well as managing engine room and other assigned personnel. The Chief Engineer is also responsible for safe fueling and oil transfers of the vessels, and must ensure that the vessel is fit for service.

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 43 million passengers since its inception on July 1, 1964. In 2015, 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](tel:800-643-3779). Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @CMLFerry.

####