

Media Alert

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State Legislators, DNREC Secretary Garvin to Open 2017 Fort Delaware Season *First Passengers Board the Forts Ferry Crossing at 10:00 a.m. on April 29*

WHAT: State Senator Nicole Poore and State Representative Valerie Longhurst will join DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin, DRBA representatives, DNREC officials and children from the Delaware City police athletic league (PAL) to commence the seasonal operations of the Forts Ferry Crossing and the 2017 Fort Delaware special programming.

WHO: State Senator Nicole Poore; State Representative Valerie Longhurst; Secretary Shawn M. Garvin, DNREC; and Thomas Cook, DRBA Executive Director

WHEN: April 29, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

WHERE: Docks of the Forts Ferry Crossing at 45 Clinton Street in Delaware City, Delaware.

WHY: History comes alive at Delaware State Parks' Fort Delaware and New Jersey's Fort Mott. Beginning April 29 at 10:00 a.m., the Forts Ferry Crossing, begins operations for the 2017 season, taking passengers to these legendary forts on the Delaware River.

The ferry will operate on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays through mid-June. Beginning June 14 and continuing through Labor Day, the Forts Ferry Crossing will begin operating Wednesday through Sunday and holidays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 2-12. Children under 2 are free.

About Fort Delaware State Park

Located on Pea Patch Island, Fort Delaware, part of DNREC's Division of Parks and Recreation, has been restored and is alive with interpreters who put a human face on history. Visitors experience Civil War life through living history and museum theater programs at the fortress that was once home to nearly 33,000 prisoners, garrison, and civilians. Prepare to be awed by its 32-foot-tall, 30-foot-thick granite walls with gun emplacements and an authentic 8" cannon—the only cannon of its kind still fired in America. A jitney provides transport from the island dock to the granite and brick fortress.

About the Delaware River and Bay Authority

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, and the Forts Ferry Crossing. The DRBA also manages corporate and aviation properties through its economic development powers - two airports in New Jersey (Millville Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (New Castle Airport, Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities. For more information, visit www.drba.net.