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The Viking Dragons participate in the Cape May Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday, Sept. 27, in Cape May Harbor.

Dragons spotted in Cape May

Festival raises thousands of dollars to benefit charity

By JACK FICHTER
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CAPE MAY — A total of 33 teams, both local and from out of town, participated in the third annual Cape May Dragon Boat Festival races Sept 27 in Cape May Harbor.

The festival raised thousands of dollars for charities. The race followed a 200-meter straight course starting and ending at the beach behind the Fisherman's Memorial.

Participants used boats provided by 22 Dragons of Montreal, Quebec. Each team rowed in unison, synchronized by a drummer pounding a beat at the bow of the boat. A coxswain steered from the stern.

Teams adopted whimsical names, with some wearing costumes and wigs. Among the more interesting team names: Gilligan's Island; The Holy Rowers, from Holy Redeemer Hospice in Swainton; Juvenile Diabaters; the Land Sharks — a group from Cape May County Technical School; Motley Crew and Yo Yo Yo Your Boat from the Cape May-Lewes Ferry and Delaware River and Bay Authority.

Local nonprofit organizations fielding teams included Animal Outreach, Cape Regional Medi-

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The Viking Dragons participated in the Cape May Dragon Boat Festival in honor of Sandy Fry, who is suffering from pancreatic cancer.

Star and Wave, WIBG to sponsor candidates forum in Lower Twp.

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VILLAS — All candidates for Lower Township Council will have the opportunity to present their platforms and take questions from voters Oct. 15 when the Cape May Star and Wave and WIBG Radio 94.3 FM sponsor a Lower Township Candidates Night.

The event begins at 7 p.m. at the Millman Community Center, 209 Bayshore Road in Villas, next to the water tower.

The League of Women Voters of Cape May County will

moderate the event and accept written questions from the audience for the candidates. The event will be divided into three segments, with 30 minutes devoted to the candidates from each of the township's three wards. The evening will begin with Ward 1 at 7 p.m., Ward 2 candidates following at about 7:45 p.m. and Ward 3 candidates at about 8:25 p.m.

The Star and Wave and WIBG are sponsoring the event to allow voters to hear the issues and meet the candidates.



Jack Fichter/CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE

One mile, one flag, one hero

The New Jersey Run for the Fallen began Thursday night with a flag-lowering ceremony at Sunset Beach to honor the lives of fallen military service members. See more photos, page A5.

Drone project could land at county airport by end of year

FAA would use site to test Unmanned Aerial Systems

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ERMA — It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a drone. Those words may be emanating from visitors to the Cape May County Airport in a matter of months, if not weeks, according to Carole Mattessich, county economic development coordinator.

She said the preferred term in the industry for drones is Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS).

Mattessich predicted a launch of UAS testing at the county airport before the end of the year, and perhaps as early as November.

"We've waited generations, frankly, for an industry that could perhaps create jobs that would start bringing our young people back after they go away

for college," she said.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is overseeing a testing period to determine whether drones can be successfully integrated into national airspace. New Jersey teamed with Virginia to become a test site for drone projects. The FAA announced six testing areas around the nation, and Cape May Airport is part of an award to Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Virginia Tech partnered with Rutgers University, according to a new release.

"One of the reasons that Cape May County became a focal point for testing and research and development of UAS is because we have relatively non-complex airspace above us,"

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WHYY Broadcasts 'Newworks' show from Cape May

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CAPE MAY — Under the early evening sun, WHYY Radio opened a live broadcast of "Newworks" from the Promenade with the song "On the Way to Cape May."

"For the next half-hour, we'll bring you the sights, sounds and history of this historic beach resort at the southernmost tip of New Jersey," said anchorman Dave Heller, speaking over the music into his headset microphone.

Beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, under a canopy in front of the city's beach tag office, Heller, reporter Tom McDonald and a technical crew mixing the audio, broadcast

the 30-minute news program to Philadelphia and New Jersey.

During WHYY's spring membership drive, listeners voted for the favorite shore town with the payoff being a live broadcast of "Newworks" from that location.

"Cape May ran away with it, nobody was close," according to Eugene Sonn, audio news director for WHYY.

While most remote radio broadcasts may involve little more than a cellphone and a small audio mixing board, WHYY brought a car-mounted satellite uplink dish to get the signal back to Philadelphia, laptops, a printer for Heller's script and plethora of cables.

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Election 2014: National security

U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo and challenger Bill Hughes Jr. discuss terrorism and other threats to the U.S. ahead of the 2nd Congressional District election in November. Page A8

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