

# North Cape May man named port captain for ferry services

CAPE MAY — Captain Stan Hansen has been promoted to serve as Port Captain for the Cape May-Lewes Ferry. Hansen, who has more than 40 years of experience in the maritime industry, began his official duties Nov. 3, according to a news release.

The Port Captain is responsible for ensuring Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) vessels, including the Cape May-Lewes Ferry fleet and the Delaware City-Salem Ferry service, are crewed, operated and maintained in accordance with regulatory requirements, authority standards and customer expectations.

"Stan's credentials and experience are the perfect match for the Port Captain position," said Heath Gehrke, director of ferry operations. "He has the skill, leadership ability and problem-solving skills to make a positive difference at the ferry. He's a consummate professional and a great addition to our management team."

"Capt. Hansen has served the ferry's customers and his fellow crew members with dedication and integrity. He is a credit to his family and his community. We are fortunate to have such a fine leader ready to assume this command," stated Scott Green, executive director of DRBA.

"I appreciate and value the authority's faith in my abilities to oversee and manage what I consider the best ferry service in America," said Hansen, a 26-year veteran of the Cape May-Lewes Ferry operation. "With the experience and knowledge I bring to the table, I look forward to meeting the challenges and opportunities ahead as we continue to enhance our ferry service for our customers and employees. What a tremendous opportunity."

Hansen joined the Cape May-Lewes Ferry as an able-



HANSEN

bodied seaman in 1988. He has served in a number of roles, each with increasing levels of responsibility — including mate, pilot and captain. During his tenure, Hansen also has served as the MV American River Project Captain in 1997, led the Lewes Terminal Finger Pier Docking Project in 2000 and reorganized and revamped the Three Forts Ferry operations in 1998. Prior to joining the ferry, Hansen owned and operated five commercial fishing vessels.

He holds numerous maritime licenses, including Inland Unlimited Tonnage Masters license, First Class Pilot of Any Gross Tons upon the Lower Delaware Bay and a Master of 500 Gross Tons near Coastal Waters. A lifelong Cape May County resident, Hansen resides in North Cape May with his wife, Christine.



John Saifrit paints plein air outside Splash in Cape May as part of American Craft Week.

# Splash wins American Star Award

Splash, Whale's Tale Gallery in Cape May has won the American Craft Week Star Award for "Best Local Artists' Event" for its event featuring demonstrations by local artists.

"Our customers enjoyed watching and learning from the artists as they worked and explain their creative drive and process," said Hilary Pritchard of Splash. "Splash highlights talented local artists all year long with receptions each month. We are very proud to have joined in the national celebration of American Craft Week and plan to make it a yearly event."

Splash's event was held Oct. 11-12. Potter Susan Ross showed how she carves rollers and then rolls intricate textures onto the surface of clay to create her unique lamps. Painter John Saifrit painted plein air in front of our store. Jeweler Laura McPherson demonstrated her use of press molds of shells he



Eva Shelley demonstrates the art of working with glass outside Splash in Cape May as part of American Craft Week.

collects on the beach to make her ceramic shell-inspired jewelry. Printmaker and jeweler Janet Payne talked about her prints and worked with sterling silver and freshwater pearls to create her signature earrings. Glassblower Eva Shelley, whose work will be on display at the Philadelphia Airport in May 2015, drew quite a crowd in front of the store as she created a variety of glass pendants.

"American Craft Week has caught the imagination of so many supporters," said Diane Sulg, founder and co-chair of the event. "With the growing

appreciation of both artisan products and American-made goods, craft is highly regarded for its strong design, quality materials, expert workmanship and enduring value."

Since its inception in 2010, American Craft Week has grown from 240 to more than 1,000 participating events, all inviting the general public to enjoy a wide variety of educational, commercial, charitable and festive ways to celebrate craft. American Craft Week is the largest celebration of American craft and creativity.

Splash is located at 513 Carpenter's Lane in Cape May.

# Scouts

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said Mark Allen, president of the board of directors of Family Promise.

State Sen. Jeff Van Drew and Assemblymen Bob Andrzejczak and Sam Fioocchi each presented Holloway with a certificate of recognition.

Van Drew said that in a time

of trouble and political strife, it was good to know "there are good, simple, decent people that love other people and care."

He said he looked forward to attending Holloway's Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

"We are truly blessed when people come together and do the right thing," Lower Township

Manager Mike Voll said.

Laurie Johnson, director of Family Promise, said Holloway's backyard play area project was an answer to prayers.

According to its website, in its first four and a half years, Family Promise of Cape May County has hosted 35 families consisting of 47 adults and 74 children. An additional 121 individuals were served food, given holiday gifts and connected to support services for their immediate needs.

Family Promise is a program designed to help families with children who are experiencing homelessness. A network of faith communities and more than 1,000 volunteers provide temporary housing and meals for as many as four families at a time, a maximum of 14 people.

Families in the program receive full-time case management to assist with overcoming the causes that led to their homelessness.

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