Coast Guard base says farewell to Capt. Bill Kelly

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
Cape May Star and Wave

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The Star and Wave called Capt. Bill Kelly (right in photo), who retired as Coast Guard Training Center-Cape May commanding officer, after three years. Kelly will undoubted-ly be in for a rude awakening as our direct career command-er leaves Cape May for the Washington area, only to rejoin their ship or a short time later. Joining Kelly in the photo is Capt. Todd Prestidge, who will replace Kelly as training career commander.

Wind uncovers old Ford dealership sign

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CAPE MAY POINT – Whether it’s biking, birding, sunbathing on the beach or touring the Agricultural and Historical buildings, there is an outdoor or indoor activity for everyone at the Cape May Point State Park, which could explain the approximate 100,000 annual visitors.

Located on the very tip of Cape May Peninsula, the state park is the southernmost point in New Jersey Beaches, dance, friendship worldwide, guides and organizing the 232-acre property that is home to a variety of birds and animal species, from the 120 bird species, to the 1,400 trees, including the famous 100-foot Sequoia Avenue. People come from all over the world to enjoy the activities conducted at the park. Every fall, visitors converge from around the world to witness the migration of most types of North American migratory birds in the fall, while I’ve been here and I think it symbolizes the many different experiences I’ve had here in Cape May with this staff and these officers,” Kelly said.

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