

Zwaanendael Maritime Celebration: "A Sailor's Life for Me" in Lewes, Del. on May 25, 2019

(DOVER, Del.–May 13, 2019)–The adventure, romance, excitement and hardships experienced by seafarers will be brought to life at the eighth annual Zwaanendael Maritime Celebration: "A Sailor's Life for Me" that will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at the [Zwaanendael Museum](#) located at 102 Kings Highway in Lewes, Del. A complete schedule of activities is included below. Admission is free and open to the public. For additional information, call 302-645-1148.



The battleship USS Delaware (1909-1924). The vessel will be discussed during the lecture "American Naval Ships Named Delaware" that will be presented by author and retired U.S. Navy Captain Bill Manthorpe during the Zwaanendael Maritime Festival on May 25, 2019.

2019 Zwaanendael Maritime Celebration: "A Sailor's Life for Me" activities

- "Commodore Jacob Jones," 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Theatrical performance in which historical interpreter Dennis Fisher portrays one of Delaware's heroes of the War of 1812



Portrait of Commodore
Jacob Jones

▪ **Maritime-themed lectures**

Note: Lectures will be held on the museum's 2nd floor (entry via staircase; no elevator)

–**“Perils Afloat,” 11 a.m.**

Presented by author and historian Michael Morgan

–**“American Naval Ships Named Delaware,” 2 p.m.**

Presented by author and retired U.S. Navy Captain Bill Manthorpe

▪ **Displays and demonstrations on local maritime history, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Presented by the [Bethel Historical Society](#); [Delaware River and Bay Lighthouse Foundation](#); [Fort Miles Historical Association](#); [Kalmar Nyckel Foundation](#); [Lightship Overfalls/Overfalls Foundation](#); and the [Marine Education, Research and Rehabilitation Institute](#) (MERR)

The Zwaanendael Museum was built in 1931 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the state's first European colony, Swanendael, established by the Dutch along Hoorn Kill (present-day Lewes-Rehoboth Canal) in 1631. Designed by E. William Martin (architect of Legislative Hall and the Hall of Records in Dover), the museum is modeled after the town hall in Hoorn, the Netherlands, and features a stepped facade gable with carved stonework and decorated shutters. The museum's exhibits and presentations provide a showcase for Lewes-area maritime, military and social history.



Zwaanendael Museum

The Zwaanendael Museum is administered by the [Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs](#), an agency of the State of Delaware. The division enhances Delaware's quality of life by preserving the state's unique historical heritage, fostering community stability and economic vitality and providing

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