

## **Press release**

### **“SPLASH” – The Steamboat Floating Classroom**

“SPLASH” is a new steamboat on the Delaware river at Lambertville and New Hope. It is a replica of a stern-wheeler that was there in 1880. SPLASH carries up to 49 passengers and is used to educate students of all ages about the natural and human history of the Delaware River region. This Coast Guard certified steamboat is available for class and group use between the months of May through October and is becoming known for its memorable 2-mile explorations of this beautiful waterway.

The name “SPLASH” stands for “Student Participation in Learning Aquatic Science and History” and offers an array of 2-hour “voyages of learning” that focus on local history, water quality and river ecology while involving passengers in safe, engaging on-board activities and discussions.

Lessons are conducted on covered and open decks by the “SPLASH” crew of instructors, including scientists and engineering professionals. Voyages are tailored to the needs of individual groups and educators, and group leaders are encouraged to assist with instruction or conduct their own on-board lessons. The steamboat can also be booked for special occasions, such as fundraisers, birthdays, holiday needs, family gatherings, etc.

The cost is \$19.00 per person with a minimum group charge of \$695.00 (a nonprofit discount is available). For additional information or to make reservations contact Prof. Bart Hoebel at (609) 921-6612 or email [info@SteamboatClassroom.org](mailto:info@SteamboatClassroom.org). See you on board!