



Historical and Cultural Affairs

Tickets now available for lecture/tours of the hull of the DeBraak, a shipwrecked 18th-century British warship

The Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs is now offering public lecture/tours of the hull of His Majesty's Sloop DeBraak, a British warship that was escorting and protecting a convoy of British and American merchant ships en route to the United States when it was capsized and lost off the Delaware coast on May 25, 1798. The division has curated the remains of the ship's hull and associated artifact collection since they were acquired by the state of Delaware in 1992.



Artistic rendition of the capsizing of the DeBraak by Peggy Kane, 1990.

Lecture/tours, which are limited to 10 visitors per program, will take place at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the following Mondays during 2012: June 4, 11 and 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27; Sept. 10, 17 and 24; and Oct. 1. All programs begin at the [Zwaanendael Museum](#), located at 102 Kings Highway in Lewes, Del., where a lecture will be presented on the history of the ship including an examination of some of the artifacts that were recovered from the shipwreck site. Ticket holders will then be transported, via van, to the DeBraak-hull facility in nearby Cape Henlopen State Park where they will be seated in bleachers for an interpreter-led tour of the actual remains of the ship's hull which was raised from the ocean in the 1980s. **Note:** Restrooms are not available at the DeBraak-hull facility in Cape Henlopen State Park. Ticket holders are encouraged to use the restroom facilities at the Zwaanendael Museum before departing for the tour.



Nonrefundable tickets for the 2 ½-hour program are \$10 per person (restricted to persons aged 10 and above) and are available solely through the Shop Delaware website under [Tours](#). For additional information, call 302-645-1148.

Hull of the DeBraak being prepared for visitation.