



KALMAR NYCKEL
The Tall Ship of
DELAWARE

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***Kalmar Nyckel, Tall Ship of Delaware,*
will visit Baltimore offering public sails
and deck tours September 6th through 8th.**

Kalmar Nyckel is excited to be making her first official visit to Baltimore in over 10 years September 6th through 8th. She will be docked in the heart of the Inner Harbor, along side the *USS Constellation*, at 301 East Pratt Street offering public sails and deck tours.

Kalmar Nyckel is an authentic re-creation of the 17th-century Dutch vessel, one of America's pioneering "Tall Ships" that brought some of the earliest permanent settlers to the colonies. Her historical significance mirrors that of the *Mayflower*. The original *Kalmar Nyckel* sailed from Sweden to the New World in 1638, leaving her passengers to establish the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware Valley at Fort Christina in present-day Wilmington, Delaware.

In May of this year, *Kalmar Nyckel* hosted their Majesties King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden and Speaker of the Parliament of Finland, Mr. Eero Heinäluoma, for an historic sail on the Christina River in Wilmington. This event was one of the highlights of the jubilee celebration marking the 375th anniversary of the arrival of the original *Kalmar Nyckel* and the establishment of the colony of New Sweden in 1638.

Captain Lauren Morgens stated, "with preparations for the Royal Sail with the King and Queen of Sweden and the Finnish Speaker of Parliament, the ship has never looked better; it is a great time to experience a sail on *Kalmar Nyckel*."

Passengers are invited to experience a hands-on, interactive sailing adventure on our majestic ship with 8 sails and 8 miles of rigging. Captain Lauren and crew stand ready to make the trip exciting for the whole family with either a day sail or one of our special "pirate sails." Although the original *Kalmar Nyckel* was never a pirate vessel, serving instead as a trader, naval scout and colonial ship, today's crew love playing the "pirate" part. These excursions are especially popular with children.

For public sail reservations, please contact the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation office at (302) 429-7447 or visit KalmarNyckel.org for more information. Sail prices are \$60 for adults and \$40 for children 17 and younger. Group rates apply to parties of 20 or more.

The Kalmar Nyckel Foundation preserves and promotes the cultural and maritime heritage of Delaware for the education and enrichment of all.

Attached Photograph by Andrew Hanna