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# ***Kalmar Nyckel*, Tall Ship of Delaware, will visit New Bedford offering public sails and tours**

In the summers of 2008 and 2010, *Kalmar Nyckel* took refuge behind New Bedford's seawall as hurricanes passed through New England. Her captain and crew are excited to return this month to offer public sails and tours from Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

"We felt so welcomed by the community that we are very much looking forward to a return visit to offer people a chance to come aboard" said Captain Lauren.

In Wilmington 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 on May 11<sup>th</sup>. This event was one of the highlights of the jubilee celebration marking the 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the original *Kalmar Nyckel* and the establishment of the colony of New Sweden in 1638.

Captain Lauren added, "with preparations for the Royal Sail with the King and Queen of Sweden on May 11<sup>th</sup>, the ship has never looked better; it is a great time to experience a sail on *Kalmar Nyckel*."

Passengers can sail on this authentic re-creation that brought the earliest permanent settlers to the Delaware Valley. The ship has 8 sails and 8 miles of rigging. Captain Lauren and crew stand ready to make the trip exciting for the whole family. Visitors can embark on a day sail or special "pirate sail." 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 part in the “pirate sails.” These excursions are especially popular with children.

For public sail tickets, please contact the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation office at (302) 429-7447 or visit [www.kalmarnyckel.org](http://www.kalmarnyckel.org). Ticket prices are \$60/ adult and \$40 for children and youth ages 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**