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***Kalmar Nyckel*, Tall Ship of Delaware, voyages to Philadelphia for first visit of 2013 season**

Kalmar Nyckel will travel to Philadelphia June 14th to 16th to participate in the PECO Multicultural Concert Series and offer public sails throughout her three day stay. Public sails are scheduled for Friday morning and Sunday morning and afternoon. Tours will be available during Saturday's festival.

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 11th. 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 and crew are very enthusiastic about their first visit to Philadelphia this year. Captain Lauren shared, "with preparations for the Royal Sail with the King and Queen of Sweden on May 11th, the ship has never looked better, and it is a great moment to experience a sail on this magnificent tall ship."

Passengers can sail on this authentic re-creation of a tall ship that brought our earliest permanent settlers to Delaware. 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.

On Saturday, July 15th, “The Swedes and Finns in America Since 1638 Festival” will feature Swedish and Finnish music, culture, food and family fun. Music during the day will include Swedish and Finnish pop and folk groups, as well as a portion with DJ & Karaoke Master Lars. Additional family fun will include traditional Scandinavian games, food and gifts. To learn more about “The Swedes and Finns in America since 1638 Festival,” please go to www.kalmarnyckel.org.

For public sail tickets and more information for sails on Kalmar Nyckel, please contact the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation office at (302) 429-7447 or visit www.kalmarnyckel.org. Ticket prices are \$60/ adult and \$40 for children and youth ages 17 and younger. Group rates apply to parties of 10 or more.

Kalmar Nyckel will return to Philadelphia again this fall to participate in the 2013 Old City Seaport Festival October 11-13th. For information please visit: <http://www.phillyseaport.org/seaportfestival>.

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

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