



NEWS RELEASE

WILMINGTON, Del., January 23, 2009 Marcia Ferranto, Executive Director of the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation announced today the hiring of a new **Lead Educator** and **2nd Mate**. Beginning April 6th, Carrie Glessner and Will Young will be joining the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation's 2009 Education/Sailing Season efforts.

Carrie Glessner, Lead Educator, is an experienced *Kalmar Nyckel* sailor. Her introduction to tall ships was aboard the brig *Niagara*, of Erie, Pennsylvania, but her interest in living history began over a decade ago when she began volunteering at the Somerset Historical and Genealogical Center near her home in Somerset, PA. After sailing on the *Niagara*, Carrie spent the summer of 2005 aboard the *Kalmar Nyckel* as volunteer crew. Since then, Carrie has been finishing her B.A. at Indiana University of Pennsylvania—including a semester abroad in Turku, Finland—and spending her summers sailing and educating aboard the Ocean Classroom Foundation's ships. Carrie's main responsibility as Lead Educator will be to assist the Education Coordinator in directing Ship and Shipyard Education Programs for the spring and fall seasons. She will also assist in supervising volunteer educators. Carrie will function as liaison between Ship and Education departments, to assure that the ship's operations serve the needs of the education program. She will attend education committee meetings and assist in strategic planning opportunities.

Will Young, 2nd Mate, is returning to the Foundation for his second stint as Kalmar Nyckel Foundation staff. After spending the 2006 sailing season aboard the *Nyckel* as volunteer crew, the Foundation hired Will as a winter deckhand the following season. He had previously sailed as a student with the Ocean Classroom Foundation's high school semester program. Since sailing on the *Kalmar Nyckel*, he sailed as Deckhand/Educator on the schooner *Sultana*, and returned to the Ocean Classroom Foundation as a Deckhand aboard the schooner *Westward*. Will holds his Able-Bodied Seaman's Certificate, Sail Endorsed. Will combines the benefits of extensive experience with the *Kalmar Nyckel* and her program with the broader perspective that comes from working with several other tall ship programs.

In the nomadic lifestyle characteristic of tall ship professionals, both Will and Carry consider the *Nyckel* to be one of their homes-away-from-home, and they are as excited to take on these new roles as we are to welcome them back, reports Ferranto. An interesting little side note...Will and Carry originally met on the *Nyckel* and are now engage to be married!

The Kalmar Nyckel Foundation preserves and teaches Delaware's unique maritime history and multi-cultural legacy as it relates to the economic, industrial, ecological and cultural development of the area. The recreation of *Kalmar Nyckel*, a 10-year project undertaken by local volunteers, was directed by Master Builder Allen Rawl and launched in September 1997. The recreation was made possible in large part by the vision and

generosity of the Delaware General Assembly, Governor Thomas R. Carper, Tatiana Copeland and Wilmington's Riverfront Development Corporation.

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