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Ahoy!

My name is Barbara Mayers and I am writing to you to offer my services as the Education Director of the *Kalmar Nyckel*, The Tall Ship of Delaware. The *Kalmar Nyckel* was the three masted pinnace, which brought the first European settlers to the Delaware Valley from Sweden in 1638. In all, she made four trips to the new world before sinking in the North Sea somewhere off the coast of England. In 1986 an amazing group of people decided to re-create her and thereby provide a living history classroom as well as a sail-training vessel. The re-created *Kalmar Nyckel* was commissioned on May 9, 1998.

As a living history classroom, the ship is available for school visits and student sails when she is in port either in Wilmington or in Lewes. If you bring your students to explore the vessel, I am available to provide preparatory and follow-up classroom instruction. I will also be on board, along with the Foundation's Docents, to deliver instruction during your visit. Our lessons cover the waterfront, so to speak, and meet standards in social studies, language arts, science, math, art, music and physical education. The admission charge to tour the Kalmar Nyckel is \$4.00 per student. Student Sails in Wilmington (an hour and a half long) are \$15.00 per person, in Lewes (two and a half hours long) they are \$25.00 per person. You might consider combining your tour of the ship with a stop at the Delaware History Museum in Wilmington or the Nanticoke or Zwaanendael Museums in Lewes, depending on which venue is most convenient for you. The Wilmington site has the advantage of our shipyard museum and blacksmith shop, Fort Christina Park, Swedish Heritage Centre, and Old Swedes Church, while the Lewes site boasts the Light Ship *Overfalls*, the Ship's Rescue Boathouse, and the Lewes Historical Society properties.

If a visit to the ship is not possible, I will be happy to bring as much magic of the *Kalmar Nyckel* into your classrooms as possible. Just ring me on 302-429-7447 to discuss your students' needs and to arrange a date for my visit. There is no charge for the Education Director's services.

Sincerely,

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Our ship is a re-creation of the Tall Ship, built by the Dutch in 1625, that brought the first permanent European settlers to the Delaware Valley in 1638. She is a three-masted, square-rigged pinnace (an armed merchant ship) with over eight miles of rigging, a bowsprit with mast and fighting top (the only one in the western hemisphere), and a whipstaff for a helm. True to the period of the original, she is heavily and beautifully carved, a photographer's dream. The length of the ship is 141 feet overall; the beam is 25 feet. We draw 12.5 feet.

We can provide sails for up to 49 passengers for both public and private charters and have a 90-person capacity for dockside events. The Kalmar Nyckel is an excellent showcase for corporate and educational events, which may include employee meetings, school groups, weddings and other social galas. Using the ship for the promotion of a maritime book publication is an excellent fit. We have an Event Checklist and Catering Guidelines for chartered events.

Our rates are:

Public Dockside Tours	\$ 5 (adults)	\$3 (5-17 kids)	FREE (0-4 kids)
Sail – 1.5-hour	\$35 (adults)	\$20 (0-17 kids)	
Sail – 3-hour	\$60 (adults)	\$40 (0-17 kids)	
Charter Dockside – 2-hour	\$1,900 (\$600/additional hours)		
Charter Sail – 1.5-hour	\$1,750 (Christina River)		
Charter Sail – 3-hour	\$3,700 (Lewes and Old New Castle when available)		
Festival Appearance Rates	\$8,750/day, multi-day rates are available		

**ALL CHILDREN UNDER 18 MUST BE PROPERLY CHAPERONED
BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT, AT ALL TIMES**



The Story of the Kalmar Nyckel

DELAWARE'S TALL SHIP...

1620's

The *Kalmar Nyckel* was built in Holland and purchased for use by the Swedish Navy in 1629.

November 1637

The merchant vessel departed Gothenburg, Sweden, carrying a party of twenty-four men from four countries (Sweden, Finland, Holland and Germany).

Famed colonial leader Peter Minuet headed the expedition to establish a fort and trading post in the "New World".

1638

Kalmar Nyckel landed on the banks of the Christina River, at a spot that has become known as "The Rocks".

The fort served as a safe dwelling, as well as the center of cultural life in what was called "New Sweden".

1640, 1641 and 1644

The *Kalmar Nyckel* made four trips across the Atlantic from Sweden to solidify the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware Valley.

1698

The Swedish settlers constructed the handsome and substantial Holy Trinity Church, later named Old Swedes Church.

Late 1600s

While serving the Swedish Navy, the *Kalmar Nyckel* was lost off the coast of England.

1739

The community eventually was named Wilmington, after local merchant Thomas Willing.

Almost 360 years later

Kalmar Nyckel is re-created in a shipyard near the spot where the original vessel landed, called "The Rocks" (which is now called Fort Christina Park, named after the Swedish child queen, Christina).

September 27, 1997

After almost two years of construction on land, the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation launches the three-masted pinnacle.

March 29, 1998

Wilmington and the Swedish-American Community celebrated the 360th anniversary of the ship's arrival.

May 9, 1998

She is commissioned as Delaware's Tall Ship Ambassador.

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