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Delaware's Tall Ship, Kalmar Nyckel, Visits Lewes Ferry Terminal ***Dock-side Tours and Day Sails Available***

(*Lewes, DE*) One of America's pioneering ships, the original Kalmar Nyckel's historical significance rivals that of the Mayflower. Yet, her remarkable story is not as widely known. Here's your chance to learn more about this amazing ship as the Kalmar Nyckel replica will be docked at the Cape May-Lewes Ferry Terminal Public Pier for dock-side tours and days in August and September.

"The present day Kalmar Nyckel serves as Delaware's seagoing goodwill ambassador," said Nikky Fisher, Lewes Operations Supervisor. "Her design, construction and operation are authentic and her soaring rig, operational cannon and carvings are exciting for all to explore. It's great to have her at the Lewes Ferry terminal."

When: The Kalmar Nyckel will be at the Ferry's public pier at the Lewes terminal on the following dates: August 11 – 13; August 16 – 19; August 22 – 27; August 30 - Sept. 3; and September 6 – 9.

Where: Lewes Terminal Public Pier, 43 Cape Henlopen Drive in Lewes, Delaware

With the added attraction of the Kalmar Nyckel, the Lewes terminal offers something for everyone in the family. The Lewes "On the Rocks," a fantastic outdoor waterfront location, features great burgers, grilled ahi tuna sandwiches, soft shell crabs, and other local favorites as well as numerous varieties of local craft-brewed beers on draught. And, the Lewes terminal also has free mini-golf and a great outdoor playground for the little ones to enjoy.

The replica vessel was built by a group of committed citizens to be a continuing witness to the courage and spirit of those individuals who undertook the mid-winter North Atlantic crossing in 1637-1638. Owned and operated by the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, the ship has served as an outreach platform for the State of Delaware and a catalyst for social and economic development since 1998. The ship offers people of all ages a variety of sea and land based learning and recreational experiences. The public is invited to participate for the Family Sails, the Day Sails, the Evening Sails and the Dockside Tour. Souvenirs, snacks and beverages are available for purchase.

For more information about the Kalmar Nyckel and its schedule at the Lewes Ferry terminal, please visit www.kalmarnyckel.org, call (302) 429-7447, or call the Ferry's Customer Contact Center at 800-643-3779.

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About the Kalmar Nyckel

The original Kalmar Nyckel sailed from Sweden to the New World in 1638 leaving its passengers to establish the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware Valley, the Colony of New Sweden in present-day Wilmington, Delaware. She made a total of four roundtrip crossings of the Atlantic—more than any other ship of the era. Her first voyage to the New World left 24 settlers of Swedish, Finnish, German and Dutch descent in the Delaware Valley. Joining them was a black freedman who sailed from the Caribbean aboard her companion ship the Fogel Grip.

About the Cape May-Lewes Ferry

The Cape May – Lewes Ferry is owned and operated by the Delaware River and Bay Authority, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962. The Ferry is open year-round and has carried more than forty million passengers since its inception on July 1, 1964. In 2011, the ferry service, which connects Victorian Cape May, New Jersey, and historic Lewes, Delaware, transported approximately 275,000 vehicles and nearly 1 million passengers.