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Historic Yorktown Welcomes Iconic *Kalmar Nyckel*, The Tall Ship of Delaware—A Piece of Delaware’s Seafaring Heritage

Day sails and free deck tours June 13-17

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Kalmar Nyckel, The Tall Ship of Delaware, returns to the shores of the York River on Thursday, June 13 through Saturday, June 17, offering 2 ½ hour day sails and deck tours at the Riverwalk Landing piers in Yorktown. Discover the remarkable story behind *Kalmar Nyckel*, a full-scale replica of the merchant ship that brought Swedish settlers to North America in 1638, to start the first European settlement in present-day Delaware.

Free deck tours, courtesy of the Yorktown Tall Ship Committee and York County, will be offered on June 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. and June 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Day sails on the *Kalmar Nyckel* offer a unique, hands-on experience where adventure and education come together. Visitors can haul lines, set sails, and hear tales from the crew, or simply relax and enjoy the ship. Kids will enjoy a scavenger hunt and pirate story (costumes welcome). Three days of 2 ½ hour sails are planned: Thursday, June 15 through Saturday, June 17. Tickets for day sails are [available online](#) or by calling 302-429-7447 and cost \$65 per adult and \$40 per child 12 and younger. Advance reservations are highly recommended. Space is limited to 49 passengers per sail. The schedule is weather dependent and subject to change.

“As we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of *Kalmar Nyckel*’s Commissioning and her 25th sailing season, we are excited to return to Historic Yorktown after many years. We look forward to connecting with the town’s maritime traditions and scenic riverfront,” notes Cathy Parsells, Executive Director of the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation. Captain Lauren Morgens and her volunteer crew stand ready to create an exciting experience for the whole family.



Photo credit Jon Caspar

Ship Schedule in Yorktown

- Tuesday, June 13
 - Free deck tours: 2–5 p.m.
- Thursday, June 15
 - Free deck tours: 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
 - Day Sail: 3–5:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 16
 - Day sails: 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 3–5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 17
 - Day/Evening sail: 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 5–7:30 p.m.

Kalmar Nyckel's 2023 schedule also includes visits to Norfolk Harborfest; Cambridge, MD; Historic New Castle, DE; Village of Greenport, L.I., NY; Bristol, PA; and Downrigging Weekend Tall Ships Festival in Chestertown, MD.

Kalmar Nyckel is a full-scale replica of the Swedish merchant ship from the 1638 expedition that founded the colony of New Sweden, the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware Valley. The ship has professional officers and a crew of 200 trained volunteers who help maintain, sail, and teach its programs. Launched in 1997, *Kalmar Nyckel* serves as an ambassador for the State and offers people of all ages a variety of sea- and land-based recreational and educational experiences.

The Kalmar Nyckel Foundation (KNF) is a non-profit, volunteer-based educational organization that built, owns, and operates *Kalmar Nyckel*. KNF delivers educational field trips, classroom programs, festivals, and events for all ages each year. For details on *Kalmar Nyckel* charters, volunteer opportunities and the Tatiana and Gerret Copeland Maritime Center visit [KalmarNyckel.org](https://www.kalmarnyckel.org), call 302-429-7447, and follow *Kalmar Nyckel* on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kalmarnyckel) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kalmarnyckel).

The **Yorktown Foundation Tall Ships Committee** was chartered to encourage tall ships of the world to dock at the Riverwalk Landing Piers and serve as an educational experience to learn about the vessels' impact in history.

Additional Event Info:

- www.visitorktown.org
- Kalmar Nyckel on Facebook: [kalmarnyckel](https://www.facebook.com/kalmarnyckel)
- Kalmar Nyckel on Instagram: [kalmar.nyckel](https://www.instagram.com/kalmar.nyckel)
- Visit Yorktown on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok: VisitYorktown

Photos are available at <https://bit.ly/3NzeAxJ>

