

Tour tall ships Sept. 15-17 at Sail Lewes

Delaware's native tall ship, the Kalmar Nyckel, was built in Wilmington in 1998 and since then has served as an outreach platform for the entire state. This magnificent ship will be showcased at the Sail Lewes Festival, sponsored by Ocean Atlantic Agency docking, on Sept. 15-17. Docked in Lewes and open for public tours, the Kalmar Nyckel, along with four other tall ships, will take part in this event, part of Lewes' 375th anniversary celebration.

The original Kalmar Nyckel

was surely one of America's pioneering colonial ships.

She sailed from Sweden, leaving her passengers to establish the first permanent European settlement in the colony of New Sweden, present day Wilmington, Delaware. She crossed the Atlantic a total of four times, more than any other ship of her era. The present-day Kalmar Nyckel, with a heritage rivaling that of the Mayflower, is a reproduction of the original from the 1620s. This ship was built to honor the courage and spirit of those who

undertook the mid-winter North Atlantic crossing in 1637-1638. The ship is owned and operated by the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, a nonprofit organization.

Tall Ships participating in the Sail Lewes Festival, including the Kalmar Nyckel, will be open for public tours from 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, Sept. 15 and tickets will be available for tours at each individual docking site at \$5 a person for each tall ship.

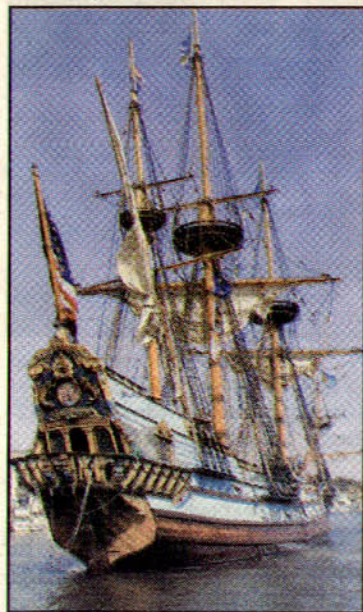
One of the most breathtaking sights of the weekend will be the

view from Cape Henlopen State Park and Lewes Beach when the Kalmar Nyckel will be leading the Parade of Sail, with ship sponsor Wilmington Trust Company aboard. Saturday, Sept. 16 and Sunday, Sept. 17 are the official jump-start to the weekend with public ship tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as the exciting festival of fun, food and a maritime-related atmosphere on the grounds of the Cape May-Lewes Ferry

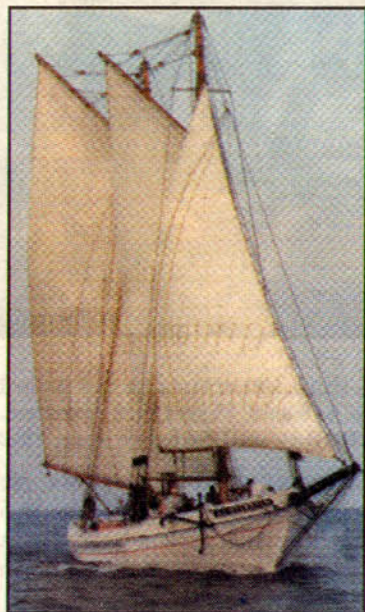
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For more information about the event, visit 375.historiclewes.org.

For information on being a Sail Lewes festival vendor or merchant at the Cape May Lewes Ferry Terminal on Sept. 16-17, contact Leanne Silicato or Casey Kieffer of Make My Day Event Planning at 645-9774 or makemydayevents@yahoo.com. Vendor spaces are available for \$250 and \$25 for nonprofit organizations.



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