KALMAR NYCKEL Scavenger Hunt!

Use the back of this sheet to check off items as you find them.

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When you find an item, check off its box and earn a point!

Find the FIGUREHEAD
The KALMAR NYCKEL’S figurehead (named Leo) is a red lion. Figureheads on ships from the 1600s can mean different things. Lions, like ours, were common on armed vessels and tell other ships to “watch out—we have cannons and are not afraid to use them.”

Find the RESCUE BOAT
Being out at sea means that our crew has to be prepared for a variety of emergencies from fires to MOBs (“Man Overboard”). One of our rescue boat’s jobs is to help us to pick up a person who fell overboard.

Find the SHIP’S BELL
In the 1600s, the ship’s bell acted as a general alarm and a shift (watch) change indicator. Modern archaeologists love bells—they last longer under the water than wooden shipwrecks and often have ship names and dates engraved on them.

Find the FLAGS
The KALMAR NYCKEL sails with many flags. They serve to honor the nations and peoples involved in the KALMAR NYCKEL story. They also act as “telltales” for our officers by showing the windspeed and direction. Can you identify all of the flags on our masts?

Find the CASTLE EMBLEM
Translated from Swedish into English, KALMAR NYCKEL means “Key of Kalmar.” Kalmar is where the original ship sailed from, and is now Wilmington’s sister city. Their famous castle is represented on our ship.

Find the WATCHDOG CARVINGS
We have watchdogs carved onto our ship. They keep their seaward eyes open to watch for storms and danger, but their eyes facing into the ship are closed since they turn a blind eye to our sailor antics.

Find the FIGHTING TOPS
The fighting tops are circular platforms that would have aided musket-armed marines in battle by allowing them a better angle to the enemy deck. They also are excellent locations to post a lookout (much like the famous “crow’s nest”).

Find the WINGED ANGEL FACES
KALMAR NYCKEL honors special friends and supporters—including longtime volunteers, governors, and mayors—with carved angel faces on the stern of the ship. One day your face could be on our ship!

Find a SHIP’S OFFICER
The ship has several officers who wear white shirts, while our volunteer crew wear blue shirts. Our captain relies on her mates to help sail the ship. The first mate has a huge beard, and the second mate is very tall.

3 or more points = Sailor
6 or more points = Captain
9 points = Admiral

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