

KALMAR NYCKEL

25TH ANNIVERSARY



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

2022 Achievements

Dear Friends,

The 25th Anniversary of *Kalmar Nyckel's* launch was a grand focal point for the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation's 2022 fiscal year. On April 26, we hosted *Kalmar Nyckel Tall Ship of Delaware Day* with official state and local proclamations, 60 crew on the ship, and a dockside ceremony (see cover photo). In September, we celebrated our 25th Anniversary at a record-setting King Neptune Gala fundraiser and held a *Salty Dog Salute* on the ship's original launch date (September 28, 1997). Our Master Shipbuilder, Allen Rawl, returned in October to present *The Legacy Sails On* with stories and photos about the construction of our dream ship.

In 2022, we reached 30,170 people through our education programs, sailing season, community and private events, and outreach. We offer our deepest gratitude to all our supporters, friends, and volunteers who made it possible to deliver on our education mission:

- **Kalmar Nyckel reached over 14,310 passengers and tourists**, and voyaged over 2,400 miles to ports in Delaware, New York, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Maryland.
- **We taught 5,800 school children and 622 adults** with hands-on educational programs. All Delaware students received free programs in the 2021-2022 academic year thanks to our Flagship Fieldtrip Fund.
- **We reached 9,500 visitors with KNF community events and outreach programs** including our new *Underground Railroad Superhero Day* in Fort Christina Park, which focused on youth from Wilmington's underserved Eastside.
- **Kalmar Nyckel: The Tall Ship of Delaware** by Sam Heed, KNF Senior Historian & Director of Education, was published by *Images of America* with a foreword by Senator Tom Carper and 200 photos commemorating the ship's 25th Anniversary.
- **Our volunteers delivered an amazing year plus Dry Dock**; the required biennial haul-out and inspection of our ship's hull was made possible by intensive volunteer labor.

Our Annual Report for FY2022 offers a summary of a very successful year for KNF. We value your support and thank you for continuing this journey with us!

With our gratitude,

Catherine Parsells

Catherine Parsells
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Education Highlights



Underground Railroad Superhero Day: launched in August with 200 visitors and historic re-enactors including Harriet Tubman and Harry Craige who explored heroism. "The Rocks" at Fort Christina Park (where *Kalmar Nyckel* landed in 1638) is a National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom site.



Our donor-funded Flagship Field Trip Fund provided free field trips to all K-12 Delaware students during the 2021-22 school year.



Captain Kidd's Pirate Day: 420 visitors explored the life of a pirate on ship and shore in July. Photo by Lou Verdeur

2022 SNAPSHOT



30,170 People reached in 2022.



14,310 Passengers and guests on ship sails and tours.



5,800 Students and 622 Adults with field trips and classroom programs (in-person & virtual).



9,500 Visitors to KNF and community programs.



Halloween Ghost Ship: our 4th annual spooky family fun day attracted 885 visitors for ship tours and more.



LEGO Shipbuilding Day 2022: 350 enthusiastic STEM model builders and creative fans returned in March. Photo by Lou Verdeur

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Explore Fort Christina Park's peaceful green space and a cornerstone of Delaware history with free interpretive tours that include "The Rocks" - where the original *Kalmar Nyckel* landed in 1638 and freedom seekers connected in the mid-1800's - a **National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom** site. The park is adjacent to our maritime campus and part of the **First State National Historical Park**.

KNF has proudly staffed and operated the park since 2016 (from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day and Saturdays through October), through a partnership with the State of Delaware and the National Park Service.

Kyle Parks, KNF's Assistant Director of Public Programs and Engagement, has integrated KNF programs and expanded park use with family picnics, weddings, music, yoga, Delaware's annual Hammock Festival, and more. We launched the **Five Ways to Freedom: Navigating Delaware's Underground Railroad Network** program in the park and classrooms for children from the YMCA and local community groups to share this important history. Our first annual **Underground Railroad Superhero Day** was held in August 2022 with 200 local children and adults exploring what it means to be a hero in this context.

Visit KalmarNyckel.org/park to learn more about public and private (rental) events. With a long-term vision, KNF is participating with Delaware Historical and Cultural Affairs (DHCA) to finalize a new site master plan for the park and adjacent DHCA and KNF sites.



Volunteer of the Year

Our 2022 Volunteer of the Year is Thom Unger. Described by Captain Sharon as a quiet, behind-the-scenes kind of person who brings great expertise to anything he does and is always at the ready. With 18 years of experience at KNF, he will get a call on short notice and drive about 100 miles from his home in Maryland to help out.

"Sometimes Thom is climbing aloft furling sails, and sometimes he's under the engines helping to save the day," notes Captain Sharon. "Sometimes he's setting up the satellite phone and making it work on our computer, and sometimes he's the Foundation's photographer at special events. Need a clean-up crew, call this guy, as long as you warn the people on the ship that he'll be arriving at midnight!"

"In a pinch, he'll sail as second mate with little to no notice. When we're short on experienced crew or climbers on a voyage, we text, and he comes." Looking back, she adds, "This year, in particular, the officer core leaned on him in a variety of situations, and he came through every time."

Please join us in congratulating Thom Unger and thanking him for all he does to support the Foundation, ship, and staff - both on the ship and on shore.



Photo by Glenn Dracopoulos



Photo by George Widger

ABOVE:

Kalmar Nyckel Volunteers sailed in Wilmington and Historic New Castle, voyaged to Tall Ship Festivals in Norfolk, VA and Portsmouth, NH, and visited ports along the way. Photo by Lou Verdeur

BOTTOM RIGHT:

Many hands help make the bow sprit ready for another sailing season on maintenance day on March 5, 2022. Photo by Thom Unger



Volunteer Program

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization. Thank you to everyone who helped sail, teach, guide, restore, and more in FY 2022.

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2022 Highlights



Kalmar Nyckel Tall Ship of Delaware Day: Captain Sharon and her cannon crew kicked off the 25th Anniversary of the ship's launch on April 26. Photo by Lou Verdeur



Föreningen Kalmar Nyckel (Friends of Kalmar Nyckel) brought 11 members from Kalmar, Sweden and the U.S. to tour our historic sites and attend the King Neptune Gala.



Five Ways to Freedom was designed and introduced by our education team as an interactive lesson on Delaware's maritime Underground Railroad.



2022 Dry Dock at Mystic Seaport Museum: Loyal volunteers and ship staff labored for our biennial U.S. Coast Guard hull inspection. Photo by Glenn Dracopoulos



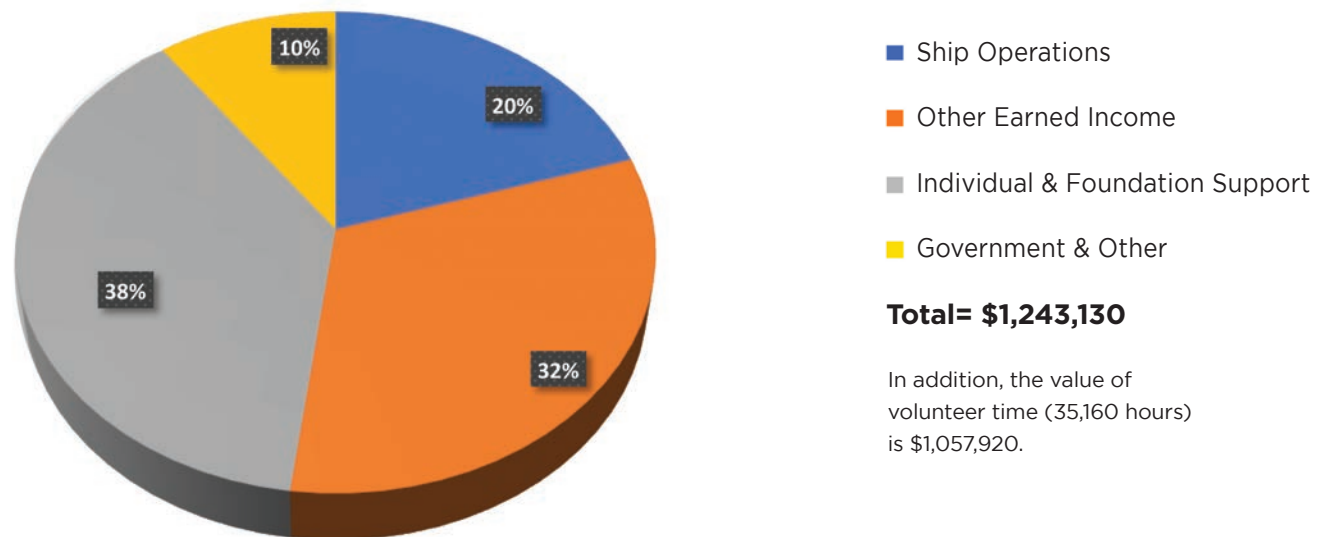
25th Anniversary Lecture: An Evening with Master Shipbuilder Allen Rawl brought together generations of supporters to hear great stories and share photos of our ship's construction.

Financial Review

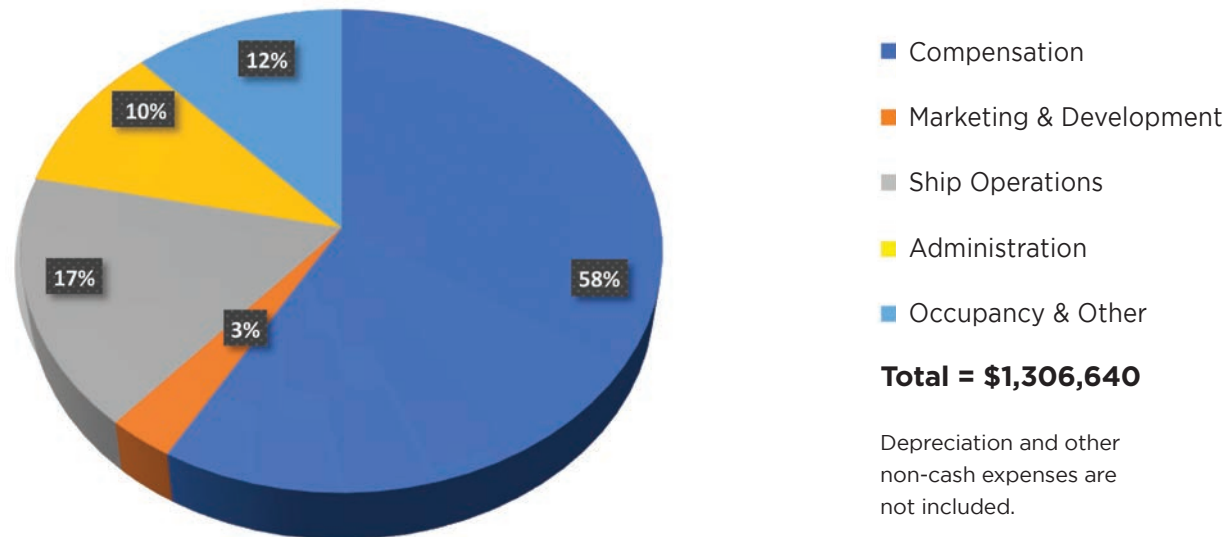
During the 2022 Fiscal Year (November 1, 2021, to October 31, 2022), KNF operated with a \$1.24 million annual budget and 24 employees (9 full-time; 15 part-time/seasonal). We were supported by 200+ active volunteers who gave 35,160 service hours (valued at \$1,057,920) to sail and maintain our ship as well as deliver educational programming in 2022. KNF operated in FY 2022 with a planned loss to position staffing for growth opportunities and address certain compensation issues. Overall, FY22 delivered our best results since 2019 and greatly exceeded our expectations.

KNF continues to develop a long-term strategy to expand our partnerships and improve our maritime campus. The organization has been a significant contributor to Wilmington's Christina Riverfront, with a 6.8-acre riverfront campus and more than \$15 million invested in the ship, Copeland Maritime Center, multiple permanent exhibits, the dock, and shipyard improvements.

FY 2022 Operating Revenue



FY 2022 Operating Expenses



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We are deeply grateful for the generous support of new and annual KNF programs and exhibits from the following foundations, corporations, and sponsors. The vision and commitment of these donors and partners makes our work possible and successful.

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- Riverfront Development Corporation of Delaware
- Vasa Museum, Stockholm, Sweden

King Neptune Gala

Our 25th Anniversary of the *Kalmar Nyckel* was a tremendous success thanks to our generous sponsors, hosts, donors, volunteers, guests, and winning bidders. Thank you to everyone who made our 15th annual King Neptune Gala such a wonderful celebration where we honored our ship's heritage and our lasting ties to the countries of Sweden, Finland, and the Netherlands.

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