

**DORCHESTER SKIPJACK COMMITTEE
RICHARDSON MARITIME MUSEUM
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***Nathan* And Richardson Maritime Museum
Welcome *Kalmar Nyckel* To Cambridge**

The skipjack *Nathan of Dorchester* and the Richardson Maritime Museum welcomed the tall ship *Kalmar Nyckel* to Cambridge for her first visit to this port on August 5.

The *Nathan* sailed down the Choptank River to escort the ship into Long Wharf. Cannon salutes were fired, with shots from the *Kalmar Nyckel's* cannon exchanged with those from a signal gun on board the *Nathan*. Cannons on both sides of the entrance to Cambridge Creek, provided by Gerry Horney and Bill Smith, welcomed the ship to its dock.

Upon arrival, *Nathan* Captain Frank Newton introduced *Kalmar Nyckel* Captain David Hiott to Cambridge Mayor Cleveland L. Rippons and his wife Laurie, and Clerk-Treasurer Ed Kinnamon.

Later that day, the Richardson Maritime Museum held a fundraising reception at dockside to benefit the Museum. Guests were treated to food and beverages under tent at Long Wharf, with some being invited to dine on the *Kalmar Nyckel's* quarterdeck with Captain Hiott.

A live auction with items donated by numerous individuals and businesses also helped raise funds for the Museum.

The evening concluded with guests embarking on a sunset cruise aboard the ship, returning just in time to avoid the thunderstorms that had held off long enough to allow the event to take place uninterrupted.

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Victor MacSorley, Board Chairman of both the Dorchester Skipjack Committee and the Richardson Maritime Museum, thanked the Museum board members, officers and staff for their hard work in staging the successful welcoming reception. “We hope that this will only be the beginning of a continued program of tall ships being brought to this port,” he added.

Powell Realtors and Victor H. MacSorley Construction contributed funding to make the reception possible. Also sponsoring the event were National Bank of Cambridge, Bank of the Eastern Shore, Hebron Bank, Generation III and Thomas Funeral Home.

For more information, to volunteer or to make a contribution, contact the Dorchester Skipjack Committee at 410-228-7141 and the Richardson Maritime Museum at 410-221-1871 or visit their websites, www.skipjack-nathan.org and www.richardsonmuseum.org.

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Nathan.jpg: Nelson Furman, left, and Bob Buczek were among the crew of the *Nathan of Dorchester* as she escorted the *Kalmar Nyckel* into port.



Dockside.jpg: The Richardson Maritime Museum held a reception at Long Wharf to welcome the *Kalmar Nyckel* and benefit the Museum.

