

## Ideas and Miscellaneous Activities Submitted to the Delaware Bay Schooner Project by Constance Jost

- Historically, early sailing, fishing, etc. were recorded by drawings. They were often farfetched.
- Have some kids describe in writing without naming a creature. (Give them a picture to start the activity.)
- Years before it was faddish, I found a book on **Nautical Knotting**. We learned it, the kids loved it, and it turned out to be the basics of **Macramé**. Sailors made key rings and bracelets. Most were real boating knots.
- **Sun Prints**
- **Make a Map** using only natural landmarks that they see on the cruise (or on a class trip, or in the school yard).
- Any chance of making something to **people** scale like an oyster... and trying to open it the way a starfish does?
- **Scrimshaw**: What do sailors do without TV? Give out plaster tiles... engrave with pencil-like implementation... wax, then shoe polish engraving. Don't know if it would work... but something similar might.
- Check out a new book by a woman who spent time living in **Lewes, Delaware**. She recorded stories about sea life and the bay... don't know the name, but it's supposed to be great and you may get ideas. (*Notes from the Shore*, by Jennifer Ackerman.)
- I was surprised to learn a friend goes everywhere in the world from his backyard on the Tuckahoe River. Chart a way to anyplace using the rivers as highways. We've forgotten how to look at it that way.
- **Exotic Aquatics** is the term used for all things that now live in the waters that are not indigenous to the area. Phragmites, certain worms carried on boats, zebra mussels, oyster diseases.
- Products inspired or made from local sea creatures: e.g., Barnacles inspired super glue. Make up more.
- **Artwork and Crafts**: made from sea creatures, local and historical; jewelry, mother-of-pearl, driftwood. Make something. Tumble some oyster pieces?
- Could some kind of "Where's Waldo" mural of the Bay be made? Or a collage that each student could add to?

