Ideas and Miscellaneous Activities
Submitted to the Delaware Bay Schooner Project
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- 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.)

**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?