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New ship coin with the Sea Stallion as its motif

On 8 August 2008 Danmarks Nationalbank issues a new 20-krone coin with the Sea Stallion from Glendalough as its motif. This is the fourth coin with a ship as motif. The coin was presented today at the Viking Ship Museum in Roskilde.

The Sea Stallion from Glendalough is a reconstruction of the ocean-going ship Skuldelev 2. The ship is expected to return from Dublin on Saturday 9 August after a long trial voyage since the summer of 2007. The original ship was built in Dublin in 1042 and ended her days on the bottom of Roskilde Fjord at the end of the 11th century. The excavation of the ship and four other viking ships laying side-by-side began in 1962.

The motif for the coin has been made by the sculptor Erik Varming. It shows the Sea Stallion on the ocean with the famous Roskilde Cathedral in the background.

The Sea Stallion coin will enter into ordinary circulation in an edition of 1.2 million.

The coin can be bought in packets of twenty in the banks, in Danmarks Nationalbank (Banking Services) or via the website of The Royal Mint, www.royalmint.dk

The next ship coin is expected to be issued in September 2008.

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