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Vædderen (the Ram) is the motif on the first coin in a new ship series

On 25 April 2007, Danmarks Nationalbank issues the first coin in a new series of 20-krone coins with ships as their common theme. To mark the return of the Galathea 3 Expedition to Denmark, the first coin in the series has the surveillance vessel Vædderen (the Ram) as its motif.

Vædderen has been circumnavigating the Earth on the third Galathea Expedition since August 2006 and is expected to dock at Langelinie in the Port of Copenhagen on 25 April 2007. Galathea 3 is the largest Danish research expedition in more than 50 years and its objective is to promote Danish research.

The sculptor Øivind Nygård designed the Vædderen motif.

"Vædderen is currently a floating research centre, and this adds an extra dimension to the ship's inherent dynamism in view of its structure and flowing movement. Money also flows and is often at the hub of great activity. It was natural to take this dynamism as my point of departure for a depiction of Vædderen," says Øivind Nygård.

The Vædderen coin is issued as a 20-krone coin in an edition of 1.2 million. It is of the same size and alloy as the ordinary 20-krone coin in circulation. The obverse of the coin shows a profile of the Queen by the sculptor, Professor Mogens Møller.

The new thematic coin can be purchased from banks, Danmarks Nationalbank, Banking Services, and the website of the Royal Mint, www.royalmint.dk, from 25 April 2007. The next ship coin is expected to be issued in the autumn of 2007.

Pictures of the coin and statements by the sculptor Øivind Nygård can be found at the website of the Royal Mint, www.royalmint.dk. For further information, please contact Winnie Jakobsen on tel.: (+45) 33 63 60 22.