



New ship coin with the Sea Stallion from Glendalough as its motif

On 8 August 2008, Danmarks Nationalbank issues a new 20-krone coin with the Viking longship the Sea Stallion as its motif. This is the fourth coin in the ship series. The series will depict different types of ships, selected to cover various aspects of Danish maritime history.

The Sea Stallion coin will be issued in an edition of 1.2 million coins in ordinary circulation.

In addition, a limited number of coins, only 1,500, will be minted in the very fine proof quality. This quality is minted using extremely well-polished dies and with extra strokes, which provides a silky smooth, clearly embossed motif. The price of a proof coin, delivered in a box with The Royal Mint's logo and a brief description of the coin, is DKK 125.

The Sea Stallion from Glendalough is the world's largest reconstruction of a 1,000-year-old Viking longship. It was built in the boatyard of the Viking Ship Museum in Roskilde. On 1 July 2007, the Sea Stallion set sail from Roskilde on a voyage of 1,145 nautical miles to Dublin. The longship was laid up in Dublin for the winter and returns to Roskilde on 9 August 2008.

For further details, see www.seastallion.dk or www.vikingskibsmuseet.dk.

The motif for the new ship coin was designed by the sculptor Erik Varming, who has created a relief of the Sea Stallion at sea with Roskilde Cathedral in the background. The relief is both vivid and deep, although the artist has had to work with a depth of only approximately 2 mm on the model – 0.19 mm on the finished coin. Erik Varming's comments on his work with the coin can be found at the website of The Royal Mint.

The ordinary 20-krone ship coin can be purchased in rolls of 20 coins from banks and from Danmarks Nationalbank (Banking Services), or it can be ordered via the website of The Royal Mint, www.royalmint.dk.

The proof coin can be purchased from Danmarks Nationalbank (Banking Services) or ordered via the website of The Royal Mint, www.royalmint.dk. Owing to the limited edition, purchases are restricted to three coins per customer.

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