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## New ship coin with M/S Selandia as its motif

Tomorrow Danmarks Nationalbank issues a new 20-krone coin with M/S Selandia as its motif. This is the third coin in a series with ships as their common motif.

The coin is presented today at the DieselHouse museum in Copenhagen. The DieselHouse is built around a Burmeister & Wain (B&W) diesel engine from 1932, which for many years was the largest diesel engine in the world.

M/S Selandia, which was built by B&W for the East Asiatic Company in 1912, was the world's first ocean-going ship powered by diesel. It marks the transition from steam ships to motor ships and was hailed as a technological wonder in its day. However, it lacked the distinctive architectural feature of the steam ships, the large funnels. After its successful maiden voyage, M/S Selandia was followed by its sister vessels, M/S Fionia and M/S Jutlandia. After M/S Selandia grounded and sank near Japan in 1942, several other ships have borne its name. A model of M/S Selandia can also be seen at the DieselHouse.

The motif for the coin has been designed by the sculptor Torben Ebbesen, who was also the artist behind the Nightingale fairy tale coin.

"My tribute to M/S Selandia, the ancestor of all modern ships, gives a dynamic impression of the power of invention ploughing its way through the sky and the sea – without funnels", says Torben Ebbesen.

The Selandia coin is issued as a 20-krone coin in ordinary circulation in an edition of 1.2 million. The face of the coin shows a profile of the Queen.

The Selandia coin will be in circulation via the banks from tomorrow. It can also be ordered from Danmarks Nationalbank (Banking Services) and via the website of The Royal Mint, [www.royalmint.dk](http://www.royalmint.dk). Pictures of the coin can be found on the website of The Royal Mint. The next ship coin is expected to be issued in the summer of 2008.

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