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## New ship coin with Lightship XVII

On 27 May 2009, Danmarks Nationalbank issues the 6th ship coin, with Lightship XVII as its motif.

The Lightship was built in 1895 in Odense and has seen quite a few events in its day. For example, it sank in only a few minutes after a collision in 1954. From 1921 until 1972, it was positioned near Gedser Reef. It was taken out of service in 1972, and that same year it was acquired by the National Museum of Denmark, thanks to a donation from the foundation *A.P. Møller og Hustru Chastine Mc-Kinney Møllers Fond til almene Formaal*. Today, Lightship XVII can be seen at Nyhavn in Copenhagen.

The motif for the new ship coin was designed by the sculptor Karin Lorentzen, who has depicted the Lightship in active service at Gedser Reef. Karin Lorentzen previously designed the motif for the tower coin with the dragon spire on the Old Copenhagen Stock Exchange (Børsen), as well as the coin to commemorate the wedding of HRH Crown Prince Frederik and Miss Mary Donaldson on 14 May 2004.

The ship coin will be issued as a 20-krone coin for circulation in an edition of 1.2 million coins. A special proof version for collectors will be issued in an edition of 1,500.

The coin can be purchased from banks and from Danmarks Nationalbank (Banking Services) or ordered via the website of The Royal Mint, [www.royalmint.dk](http://www.royalmint.dk).

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