



## 20-krone coin with Lightship XVII

Lightship XVII (Fyrskib XVII) is the motif on the sixth coin in the ship series.

On 27 May 2009, Danmarks Nationalbank issues a new 20-krone coin with Lightship XVII as its motif. This is the sixth coin in the ship series. The series will depict different types of ships, selected to cover various aspects of Danish maritime history. The Lightship XVII coin will be issued in an edition of 1.2 million coins in ordinary circulation.

### Proof version

A very limited number of collector's 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 for a proof coin, delivered in a box, is DKK 125.00. Owing to the limited edition, purchases are restricted to three coins per customer.

### History of Lightship XVII

Lightship XVII can be seen at Nyhavn in Copenhagen. It was built in 1895 in Odense. In the first years, it was located at Lappegrunden near the town of Elsinore, but in 1921 it moved to Gedser Reef, where it remained until 1972. The ship has seen a few events in its day. For example, it sank in only a few minutes after a collision in 1954. When it 'retired' in 1972, it was laid up at the naval base Holmen and put up for sale.

Thanks to a donation from the foundation A.P. Møller og Hustru Chastine Mc-Kinney Møllers Fond til almene Formaal, the National Museum of Denmark was able to acquire the ship and later restore it to its 1972 appearance. This includes the red-and-white hull with the name of Gedser Reef – the last place where it was in active service – on the side. For further information (in Danish only), see [www.natmus.dk](http://www.natmus.dk).

### The artist behind the motif

The motif for the new ship coin was designed by the sculptor Karin Lorentzen, who has created a fine relief with Lightship XVII at sea. Karin Lorentzen's reflections on her work with the coin can be found at the website of Royal Danish Mint.

### Order the new 20-krone coin from 27 May

The new ship coin can be purchased from certain banks and via Royal Danish Mint's website from 27 May 2009.

The proof version can only be purchased from Danmarks Nationalbank, Banking Services and via Royal Danish Mint's website. The next ship coin is expected to be issued in the autumn of 2009.