



20-krone coin with Faroese boat

The motif on the seventh coin in the ship series is a Faroese boat.

On 2 November 2009, Danmarks Nationalbank issues a new 20-krone coin with a Faroese boat as its motif. This is the seventh coin in the ship series. The series will depict different types of ships, selected to cover various aspects of Danish maritime history.

The coin will be issued in an edition of 0.9 million coins in ordinary circulation.

1,500 proof coins

In addition, 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 provide 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.

Order the ship coin from 2 November 2009

The proof version can only be purchased from the website of Royal Danish Mint, www.royalmint.dk.

History of the Faroese boat

The Faroese boat is a light, clinker-built, slender and very seaworthy open wooden boat. Its characteristics include a curved sheer line with a high bow and stern. It also bears some resemblance to a Viking ship.

The Faroese boat was originally a rowing boat with up to twelve oars and is designated according to the number of rowers, e.g. a 6-mannafar. Over time it has been developed into a unique construction not found elsewhere in the world. It can be sail-powered and now also comes in a motorised version.

The Faroese boat is used for fishing and transport.

The artist behind the coin's motif

The motif for the new ship coin was designed by the sculptor Hans Pauli Olsen, who is Faroese himself. He has also designed the motifs for the Christiansborg Castle, Nólsoy Lighthouse, The Ugly Duckling and the Frigate Jylland.

The next ship coin is expected to be issued in the spring of 2010.