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# Danish Franking Labels go to Sea, by Søren Kaa

As of Aug. 22, 2007, Post Denmark has decided to make franking labels a permanent product. They work in exactly the same way as postal labels, i.e. the customer chooses the price to be printed on the label. The franking label is printed on self-adhesive thermal paper and measures 55mm x 22,5mm. The theme for the first four new franking labels issued on Aug. 22, is Danish bridges, four different motifs appearing consecutively, and on three of the labels, there is a ship.

**SARPEN** (yacht)
Denmark franking label (2007)
**1892 – Sea Scouts of Simrishamn, Simrishamn, Sweden; Chr. Ruder, Nykøbing Falster, Denmark; Gt. 48; 19,97m x 5,4m x 1,85m; Sail area 180 square meters; 178hp Volvo-Penta diesel**.

On the franking label, she is shown passing under the Øresund Bridge connecting Copenhagen, Denmark with Malmø, Sweden. She was built as the **FREIA** in 1892 for trading in the Baltic and around the Swedish coast.

The Øresund Bridge is the world's longest single bridge carrying both road and railway traffic. The bridge is 16km long and consists of an eight km long bridge, a tunnel and an artificial island. The bridge can be cross either by car or by train and the journey between the Danish Copenhagen and the Swedish Malmö takes half-an-hour.

Source: Søren Kaa.

**BONA GRATIA** (ketch)
Denmark franking label (2007)
**1903 – Group of Shiplovers, Århus, Denmark; Jens Olsen, Frederikshavn, Denmark; Gt. 33; 17,24m x 4,95m x 1,9m; sail area 187 square meters; 120 hp MAN-diesel**.

She was built in 1903 as a fishing vessel and launched as **GRATIA**. Her name was later changed to **SAIGON** and in the 70s, she was converted from a fishing vessel into a yacht-like ketch. Her owners keep her in the best condition and sail her most of the year. On the franking label she is pictured as she clears the Aggersund Bridge. The Aggersund Bridge lies to the north of Løgstør and was opened on June 18, 1942. It spans the short stretch of water that is the Limfjord at its narrowest point, providing a link between the northern area of Hans Herred and West Himmerland. The bridge is 220 meters long and approximately 1.3 million vehicles pass each year.

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