

BORDERLESS NORTHERN BOATING

From Denmark's idyllic islands to the sandy coasts in the south and east and up to the rocky archipelago in the north: enjoy a natural beauty that literally transcends all borders along with the bright northern nights and mild summer temperatures. If you wish, you can simply sail through to the next morning in daylight. The tides are not an issue there either. The next harbour is always within easy reach. Once there, you quickly become part of a community that is still centred around the shared fascination of boating rather than large boats. People stick together, but also leave each other in peace. Just like the people are here on the Baltic Sea.

Six capitals and many other "sailing cities"

Stockholm, København, Oslo, Tallinn, Helsinki, Riga. No other boating region lets you moor in so many fascinating capital cities right in the city centre. The same applies to numerous other larger and smaller "sailing cities", such as Karlskrona, Visby, Mariehamn, Aarhus, Marstal, Kiel, Rostock, Szczecin, Gdańsk, Klaipėda, Pärnu and Haapsalu. And in all these places, you will encounter a different aspect of the Baltic Sea region's welcoming boating culture.

Affordable high-quality winter storage

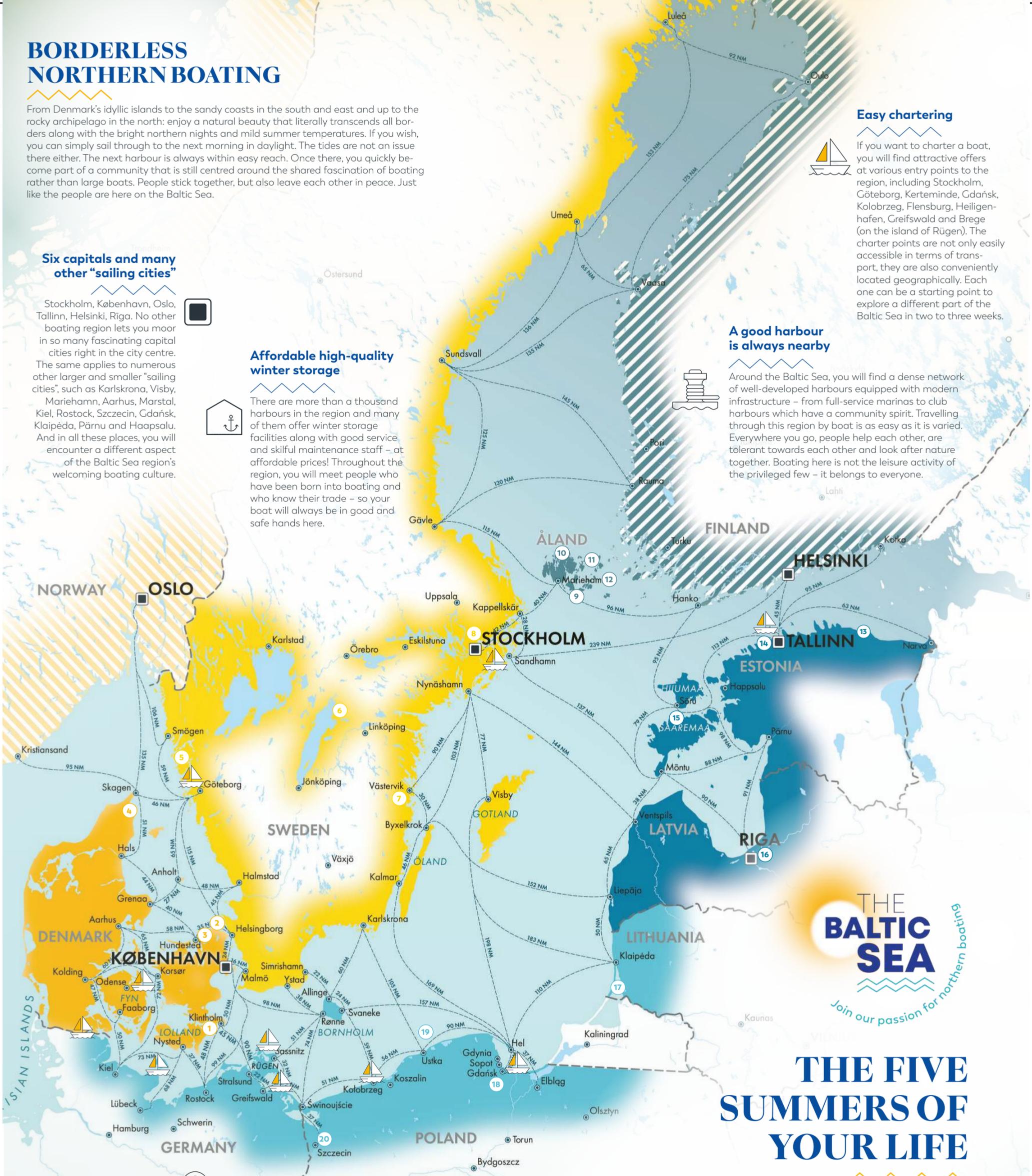
There are more than a thousand harbours in the region and many of them offer winter storage facilities along with good service and skilful maintenance staff – at affordable prices! Throughout the region, you will meet people who have been born into boating and who know their trade – so your boat will always be in good and safe hands here.

A good harbour is always nearby

Around the Baltic Sea, you will find a dense network of well-developed harbours equipped with modern infrastructure – from full-service marinas to club harbours which have a community spirit. Travelling through this region by boat is as easy as it is varied. Everywhere you go, people help each other, are tolerant towards each other and look after nature together. Boating here is not the leisure activity of the privileged few – it belongs to everyone.

Easy chartering

If you want to charter a boat, you will find attractive offers at various entry points to the region, including Stockholm, Göteborg, Kerteminde, Gdańsk, Kolobrzeg, Flensburg, Heiligenhafen, Greifswald and Brege (on the island of Rügen). The charter points are not only easily accessible in terms of transport, they are also conveniently located geographically. Each one can be a starting point to explore a different part of the Baltic Sea in two to three weeks.



THE BALTIC SEA
Join our passion for northern boating

THE FIVE SUMMERS OF YOUR LIFE

What real boater wouldn't be tempted? The **Baltic Sea** invites you to go on a **round trip** because of its geographical shape alone. Within a relatively small radius, it offers you an **astounding variety of nature and culture**. And yet only those who can afford a sabbatical can do it all in one go. But what about exploring the region as a **"seasonal nomad"** taking on a new part of the Baltic Sea every year? You can leave your boat in **safe and affordable winter storage** in many places – or set off from a **different charter base every year**.

Contacts & further info

This leaflet was created within the Interreg Baltic Sea Region project "BaltSusBoating 2030". It is a joint initiative of the sub-destinations & harbour networks of the Baltic Sea, which have teamed up with the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) and the University of Tartu to turn the area into an even more attractive and sustainable boating destination, and to encourage boaters to visit it. Please use the links below to plan your trip.



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Open a new chapter that will show your boating passion in a whole new light – a Northern light.

DENMARK

Mooring here means diving straight into that typical Danish holiday atmosphere. This includes, among other things, the world's best soft ice cream (with incredible toppings), modern gastronomy (a little stylish but always nice and relaxed) and plenty of opportunities for more activities.

Often located in small, picturesque villages, the marinas in this region are practically bridges to Denmark as a holiday destination. But not in a touristy



A SEA OF ISLANDS AND HARBOURS WITH A PURE HOLIDAY FEELING

Harbours can be "hygge", too. Here they are an attraction in themselves – not least because of the nice restaurants.



Make the holiday atmosphere perfect: relax and swim at the beautiful beaches near many marinas.



Bike hires are usually part of the well-planned infrastructure: so why not take a two-wheeled tour and have a nice meal somewhere.



way – they are also Danish in their style, aesthetics and pragmatism. Travelling a little further across the countryside to an old manor house with a museum and garden café is easy, whether you are going by rental bike, hand-cart, horse, or any other preferred means of transport.

The nearest beach is usually not far away either, which makes it hard to leave again. But you can be sure that the next harbour is just as beautiful – and completely different too.

EAST BALTIC COAST

WILD BEAUTY WITH A WIDE HORIZON



Riga is one of the capital cities in the Baltic Sea region, where you can sail directly into the centre and moor there.



From Tallinn's nightlife to one of the many small and remote harbours – the contrast couldn't be more beautiful.

You will encounter amazing unspoiled nature everywhere here. From your boat, you will already have noticed the dense forests that often reach right up to the deserted beaches in the flat landscapes. You imagine what life might be like behind them – and when you go ashore for the first time, it all becomes true.

The small, remote marinas in former fishing harbours, on the other hand, are a haven of relaxation. All with modern standards, but tradition is alive and well here, too. The harbour master is still a real person and has more often than not heated up the sauna.



Just like in Finland and Sweden, sauna culture is part of everyday life in Estonia too. Most marinas, even the small ones, have a sauna.

Not only on the small islands, but also on the lonely coasts of Latvia and Estonia, the culture is often still very rural, sometimes with a pagan flavour. In the cities, however, you will encounter a lot of historical splendour, which mixes with a modern lifestyle, cultural diversity and a lively party scene – especially, but not only, in Tallinn and Riga.

SCENES OF A BALTIC SEA ROUND TRIP

Join our passion for northern boating

Filled with so much warmth, we head back out into the Gulf of Riga, which offers you the most beautiful combination of open sea and sheltered waters – and where you can explore several large and many small islands.

ÅLAND ARCHIPELAGO

ISLAND HOPPING IN THE PARADISE OF THE STUBBORN

You step ashore and immediately realise that something is different. The community here seems a little more close-knit, but at the same time it's open to visitors. You can quickly strike up a conversation with the locals and take part in what is also referred to here with a wink as the "Åland Internet" – the local, trust-based communication.

It comes as no surprise in an archipelago with 6,757 islands. You could sail around here for years and still discover something new among the 6,757 beautiful variations of a unique natural and cultural landscape.

The Åland Islands, which lie between Stockholm and Helsinki in the Baltic Sea, also have a special political status. They are an autonomous territory administered by Finland, where Swedish is spoken.



Island hopping in the Åland archipelago offers countless fantastic impressions.

It is a unique paradise for boaters as well as fishermen, bird and seal watchers. Even hunting is permitted here. This is part of the rebellious mindset that has been forged in this seclusion over the centuries. Respect for nature always takes centre stage. However, what applies here is: man comes first, rules second.

The experience of living on your own private island is of course also available here. And you can rent a cabin on many of the islets. If you feel the need for some colourful life and activity after this solitude, you should head for the island's capital Marienhamn.

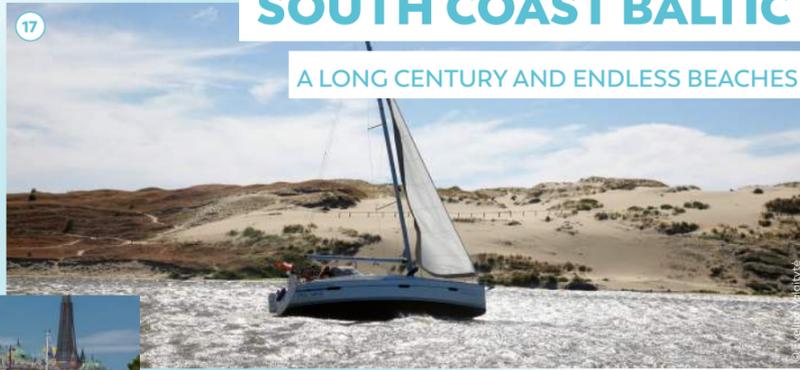


Seals in the wild and a fine life in the open air are guaranteed to lift your spirits.



SOUTH COAST BALTIC

A LONG CENTURY AND ENDLESS BEACHES



Sailing in sight of a UNESCO World Heritage Site: the 60-metre-high Paridis Dune near Nida juts out directly into the Curonian Lagoon.

You see the light-coloured stripe from the boat and a little later you are lying on one of the area's fine white sandy beaches. You often find them close to the harbour since many marinas are located on river estuaries.

Looking at the beauty of the sandy coastline from Germany across Poland to Lithuania, you could almost forget the historical ruptures this region has experienced. However, you will find that cities like Klaipėda,

You literally sail through the entire 20th century, but always arrive in today's colourful hustle and bustle. The nightlife has a great reputation, with a young audience and not too expensive. The network of modern harbours is dense and the service is excellent. There are also many charter options.

And again and again, you'll be witnessing those marvellous impressions on the water! Once you enter one of the many lagoons, you'll be treated to completely different views – and leisure activities. Fancy some surfing or birdwatching?

When the wind shifts, take a trip to Bornholm. This is where things get particularly delicious, in terms of scenery and landscape as well as cuisine. The Danish island has developed into a foodie paradise in recent years.



After a wonderful day's sailing on the open Baltic Sea, a visit to the "European Solidarity Centre" in Gdańsk broadens historical horizons.



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SWEDEN

THE CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR OWN ISLAND



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How about feeling like the owner of a private paradise island? In the Swedish archipelago, simply choose the nearest one, drop anchor and stay until the next day. You make use of the "Allmansrätten", which grants you the right to enter and stay overnight anywhere in the great outdoors. The same applies to the many bays and natural moorings in this area.

In other words, nature is truly free here, which makes it a special experience – countless rocky islands in crystal-clear water, the larger ones often forested – and here and there, a few colourful wooden houses glow in the warm Scandinavian light. They are often home to inviting cafés and restaurants. This is the Astrid Lindgren Way of Boating.

It's hard to believe that these idyllic places are also in the immediate vicinity of one of the most fascinating capital cities in the north: Stockholm. The same applies to Gothenburg and its archipelago on the west coast. You can get there through the middle of Sweden's inland via the Göta Canal and Lake Vänern, which offers a similarly enchanting world of islands.

By the way, don't worry – navigating through the rocky island landscape is not that difficult thanks to the well-marked navigable areas and waterways. They know a thing or two about that here. It is the cradle of Nordic shipping and boating is part of the lifestyle.



Leisurely Nordic locks on the Göta Canal in Berg – and from there on to Stockholm's Strandvägen, where you can moor right in front of a restaurant.