

USEFUL INFORMATION IF GOING TO **DENMARK** AS A TOURIST IN A PLEASURE CRAFT.



Topic	Comment
Demographic data (population/no of clubs/members/boats)	5.5 million inhabitants; Estimated 350 sailing clubs; Estimated 100,000 members; Leisure boats bigger than 6 metres 53,000 Approximately 400 harbours.
Currency with link for exchange rates	Danish crowns (DKK). 1€ approximately 7,50 DKK
Formalities, Customs, passport control, visa	EU residents do not need travel documents. Some form of official identity is required. Passport, National ID card etc. Denmark is part of the Schengen agreement. Coming from a non Schengen Country, you have to report to the customs and show all your travel documents.
Banned substances	Substances that are allowed to be on board under the flag state's rules are allowed to be on board the ship in Denmark. If in doubt, contact the local customs authority
Boat's documents required	Ownership documentation.
Insurance	Insurance is not mandatory in Denmark except for high speed boats and personal watercraft. High speed boat definition: $loa \times loa + 3 < kwh$ All personal watercraft and speedboats must be covered by liability insurance. The insurance must cover personal injury and property damage. Uninsured vessels may not be operated. The operator of the vessel must at all times have a certificate documenting proper insurance coverage. Foreign vessels must also have liability insurance (cross-border insurance is possible). <a href="https://www.dma.dk/SkoleFritidssejlads/Fritidsfartoejer/Vandscootere/Documents/Englis h%20flyer%20on%20third%20party%20liability%20insurance.pdf">https://www.dma.dk/SkoleFritidssejlads/Fritidsfartoejer/Vandscootere/Documents/Englis h%20flyer%20on%20third%20party%20liability%20insurance.pdf</a>
Legislation certificate of competence	For Danish sailors: Boats under 15 metre - no requirement; Speed boats according to the formula above, a certificate is required Visiting sailors must fulfil the requirement of their flag state and bring the necessary certificate to prove their competence, if sailing in their own boat. If you are sailing in a Danish high speed boat or personal watercraft a Danish certificate is required.
Alcohol limits – on the water and on the road	For leisure boats up to 15 metres for local sailors; Sailing – and slow motorboats the law of the sea has to be followed. A blood alcohol content of 0.5/ml applies in connection with the use of boats over 15 m, high speed boats and personal watercraft. Visiting sailors must fulfil the same requirements.
Legislation re Life Jackets	All vessels shall carry adequate lifejackets or buoyancy aids for all persons on board. If you sail along the coast in a speedboat or personal watercraft, you must be at least 300 metres from the coast.
TSS, esp. new ones	<b>Efterretninger for Søfarende/Notice to Mariners and Navigational Warnings.</b> In Danish and English. <a href="http://www.soefartsstyrelsen.dk/SikkerhedTilSoes/Sejladsinformation/Advarsler">http://www.soefartsstyrelsen.dk/SikkerhedTilSoes/Sejladsinformation/Advarsler</a>
Military exercise areas	All military exercise areas are shown on Danish charts. When there is no firing practice, boats are permitted to pass through. Firing practice is announced in Notices to Mariners.
Major construction sites	Notice to Mariners. <a href="http://www.soefartsstyrelsen.dk/SikkerhedTilSoes/Sejladsinformation/Advarsler">http://www.soefartsstyrelsen.dk/SikkerhedTilSoes/Sejladsinformation/Advarsler</a> In the period from 2018 - 2022, Denmark will have one large construction site: Construction of a new bridge between Zealand (Vordingborg) and Falster. In this rather narrow sound there will be a lot of construction work.
Windfarms/wave and tidal energy projects	Denmark has 13 sea based wind farms. Some are placed in areas where leisure boats cannot navigate due to shallow water. Boats are allowed to pass between the wind turbines. The wind farms are well marked. 4 new wind farms are under construction
Bridges	<a href="http://www.danskehavnelods.dk/indexkort/danskesoekort.html">http://www.danskehavnelods.dk/indexkort/danskesoekort.html</a>

Fishing Equipment	<p>Equipment must be marked in consideration of other shipping. Nets and lines must, at the western end, be marked by a pole with two flags and two yellow light reflectors. At the eastern end, the equipment must be marked by a pole with a flag and a yellow light reflector. The flags must not be white!</p> <p>Single pots are marked with a pole with a flag and a yellow light reflector or a fishing buoy. The flag must not be white.</p> <p>Nets are marked on the outer pole with two black flags and two light reflectors. The inner pole is marked with a black flag and a yellow light reflector.</p> <p><b>Other restrictions on recreational fishing in salt water</b></p> <p>Nets must not be set closer than 100m from the low water mark.</p> <p>Piers, quays, islands and islets etc. are also defined as coast. Here there is also a net-free zone of 100m from the low water mark.</p> <p>A recreational fisherman may only fish with equipment marked with the fisherman's own name, address and recreational fishing number.</p> <p><b>Local conditions</b></p> <p>Throughout Denmark, there are local fishing waters where further restrictions on fishing have been adopted. It is your own responsibility to be aware of these rules!</p> <p>The Danish Fishing Authority has published a series of leaflets that inform about these special local rules for fishing. They are constantly updated, and can be read, printed and downloaded as PDF files from: <a href="http://www.fiskeristyrelsen.dk">www.fiskeristyrelsen.dk</a>.</p> <p><b>Fishing license</b></p> <p>To fish in Danish waters you must have a fishing licence if you are more than 18 years old. A fishing licence has three possible periods of validity: 12 months / 1 week / 1 day. Fishing permits can be obtained at: <a href="http://www.fisketegn.dk">www.fisketegn.dk</a></p>
Habitats and other protected areas	<p>Charts <a href="http://www.danskehavnelods.dk/indexkort/danskesoekort.html">http://www.danskehavnelods.dk/indexkort/danskesoekort.html</a>  <a href="https://www.soefartsstyrelsen.dk/Publikationer/Sider/default.aspx?Emne=Navigation">https://www.soefartsstyrelsen.dk/Publikationer/Sider/default.aspx?Emne=Navigation</a></p>
Flag traditions/ application of flag rules	<p>The flag is taken down at sunset, though no later than 2100 and hoisted at sunrise - not earlier than 0800. The flag must be taken down when leaving the boat.</p> <p>Guests are expected to fly a courtesy flag under the starboard spreader in the same period as the flag.</p>
Weather forecast	<p>The weather forecast is available at <a href="http://www.dmi.dk/en/vejr/">http://www.dmi.dk/en/vejr/</a> (English version)  Telephone: 1853 (only Danish)  Radio Lyngby (VHF) gives forecasts in English on request</p>
Harbours including approx number of natural harbours	<p>Net based harbour pilots: <a href="http://www.danskehavnelods.dk">www.danskehavnelods.dk</a></p> <p><b>Danish Marinas:</b> App to smartphone (iPhone and Android) containing information about all Danish harbours. Danish Marinas is in English, Swedish, Norwegian and German.</p>
Mooring booking facilities	<p>In some Danish harbours berths can be reserved online. Reservation can be made via the app Danish Marinas or on <a href="http://www.havneguide.dk/en">www.havneguide.dk/en</a> or <a href="http://www.havneguide.dk/de">www.havneguide.dk/de</a>. In 2019 berths can be booked at approx. 40 ports.</p>
Swinging mooring buoys for pleasure yachts	<p>DSA operate approx. 160 yellow mooring buoys in Danish waters. They are marked "DS – Kun for medlemmer" and can only be used by members. A similar number of boys are marked DT and can be used by all sailor  <a href="http://www.sejlsport.dk/tursejlads/planlaeg-din-sejlads/turboejer">http://www.sejlsport.dk/tursejlads/planlaeg-din-sejlads/turboejer</a></p>
Anchoring and free access ashore	<p>Basically yachts can anchor anywhere they please, as long as they do not interfere with ships, boats etc. Access to shore is allowed anywhere, although privately owned beaches can prohibit staying - meaning passage on the beach is allowed but not staying.</p>
Good harbour manners	<p>In Danish harbours a quiet environment is expected after 2200</p> <p>As a guest you can use any available mooring/berth place in the harbour. Very often red/green signs are used and you may find on a green sign a date for the owner's return. When lying alongside a pier, expect other boats to raft out.</p>
Safety in harbours	<p>Basically use common sense.</p> <p>Most harbours are equipped with lifeelts, rescue ladders, fire extinguishers and defibrillator</p>
Rescue services	<p>Rescue service is run by the Danish marine and the air force. In case of emergency: Use VHF / DSC, further communication on Channel 16</p> <p>Joint Rescue Coordination Centre can be contacted by phone +45 72850380</p> <p>In case of situations that do not qualify as an emergency, sailors can use the Danish Sea Rescue Society. Contact numbers and local stations can be found on <a href="http://www.dsrs.dk">www.dsrs.dk</a></p>

Pyrotechnics - legislation re carrying - if flareguns (Very pistols) permitted - if so is licence required? - procedure for disposal	Pyrotechnics are permitted as long as they are a part of the safety system on board. In case of disposal you have to contact the local police station. Flareguns are not common in Denmark. If you have a flaregun in your safety system you need to carry a permit.
Staying during the winter	Contact local harbours regarding availability of places for a boat "on the hard". If staying in the water, check with local harbour. Be aware that some harbours freeze in the winter. Look for Class "A" harbours – insurance companies consider the ports to be safe throughout the winter. The cold period in winter is very short and it is no problem to stay in water. If the boat is left in the water during the winter, it is necessary to arrange for somebody to look after it in case there should be storms or flooding.
Antifouling regulations	In accordance with EU biocide directive. In Denmark you can only buy antifouling approved by the Ministry of Environment. Foreign recreational craft should use antifouling, which is legal in the home country.
Fuel availability	In most Danish harbours diesel is available. In many bigger marinas petrol is available as well. Biodiesel - 7% added to road fuel. No additives to fuel for marine use
Gas and electricity systems available – necessity for adapters	Bottled gas in the most common systems generally available. Camping Gaz International readily available. Electrical system is in accordance with the CEE standard. Adapters are useful if faced with the old Danish 2 pin system.
Repair and Maintenance Facilities	
Pump out stations for sewage and oily water	If the boat has a holding tank with deck pump out fitting the tank must be emptied in port. If the boat does not have a holding tank, or no deck pump out fitting, the tank must only be used/emptied at least 2NM from the coast. All Danish ports must provide free facilities to empty the boat's holding tank.
Pump out stations – type(s) of nozzle used in the country	Most Danish ports use a conical nozzle which fits most deck pump out fittings (deck pump out fittings on Danish boats must be in accordance with ISO/DIS 8099-1)
Public transport	<a href="http://www.rejseplanen.dk">http://www.rejseplanen.dk</a> in English and German. Lists all public connections in Denmark. You just have to write your start, destination and time to start your journey.
Major source of charts/pilot books in the country with link	Iver C. Weilbach & Co <a href="http://www.weilbach.com">www.weilbach.com</a> Charts: <a href="http://www.kobsokort.dk">http://www.kobsokort.dk</a>
Shopping hours	Shops are open 7 days a week. In some smaller towns shops close on Sunday and early on Saturday afternoon.
Important phone numbers, home pages and useful links	Danish Sailing Association: <a href="http://www.sejlsport.dk">www.sejlsport.dk</a> / +45 8820 7000  Emergency telephone 112. For direct access to a doctor 1813.
Tick borne diseases	No problems at all
Legislation re visiting with pets aboard	Certain breeds of dog (e.g. fighting dogs) are not allowed in Denmark. You pet must have an EU pet-passport Your pet must have a micro-chip implanted At least 21 days before coming to Denmark your pet must be vaccinated against rabies. The pet must accompany the owner.

<p>Practical advice and miscellaneous information</p>	<p>It is good practice to go to the harbour captain shortly after arriving at the harbour. If the harbour captain is not available he will contact you during the afternoon to collect port payment or the harbours have a machine where you can pay for berth, shower, internet etc.</p> <p>Most Danes speak English and will help if you ask.</p> <p>In most harbours you will find a sailing club. If you ask politely you can use the facilities in the club.</p> <p>Paying with debit and credit cards is normal all over Denmark. There is no fee if you are paying with a debit-card. Carry a small amount of cash in local currency.</p>
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