

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.
Legislation certificate of competence	For Danish sailors: Boats under 15 metre - no requirement; Speed boats according to formula, a certificate is required Visiting sailors must fulfil the requirement of their flag state.
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. Speed boats, where a certificate of competence is required, 0.5/ml. Visiting sailors must fulfil the same requirements.
Legislation re life jackets	All vessels shall carry lifejackets or buoyancy aids for all persons on board.
TSS, esp. new ones	Efterretninger for Søfarende/Notice to Mariners. Comes in Danish and English. http://www.soefartsstyrelsen.dk/SikkerhedTilSoes/Sejladsinformation/Advarsler
Military exercise areas	All military exercise areas are shown in Danish charts. It is allowed to pass through, when there is no shooting practice. Shooting practice is announced in Notices to Mariners.
Major construction sites	Notice to Mariners. http://www.soefartsstyrelsen.dk/SikkerhedTilSoes/Sejladsinformation/Advarsler In the period from 2017 - 2020, Denmark will have two large construction sites: Fehmarn Belt (between Germany and Denmark), building a tunnel. Construction of a new bridge between Zealand (Vordingborg) and Falster
Windfarms/wave and tidal energy projects	Denmark has a number of sea based wind turbines. Most of them are in areas where leisure boats cannot navigate due to shallow water. Boats are allowed to pass between the wind turbines in a "park". The windparks are often in shallow waters and well marked.
Bridges	http://www.danskehavnelods.dk/indexkort/danskesoekort.html
Habitats and other protected areas	Charts http://www.danskehavnelods.dk/indexkort/danskesoekort.html http://www.sofartsstyrelsen.dk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Publikationer/Navigation/NtDW.pdf
Flag traditions/ application of flag rules	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. Guests are expected to fly a courtesy flag under starboard spreader in the same period as the flag.
Weather forecast	The weather forecast is available at http://www.dmi.dk/en/vejr/ (English version) Telephone: 1853 (only Danish) Most harbours show the weather forecast on a screen at the harbour office. Radio Lyngby (VHF) gives forecasts in English on request
Harbours including approx number of natural harbours	Net based harbour pilots: www.danskehavnelods.dk www.sejlsport.dk/tursejlad/planlaeg-din-sejlad/havnelods-og-turboejer Danish Marinas: App to smartphone (iPhone and Android) containing information about all Danish harbours. Danish Marinas comes in English, Swedish, Norwegian and German.

Mooring booking facilities	In some Danish harbours berths can be reserved online. Reservation can be made via the app Danish Marinas or on www.havneguide.dk/en or www.havneguide.dk/de . In 2017 berths can be booked at approx. 30 ports.
Swinging mooring buoys for pleasure yachts	DSA operate approx. 160 yellow mooring buoys in Danish waters. They are marked "DS – Kun for medlemmer" and can only be used by members. In the summer of 2017 there will be approximately 150 yellow mooring buoys labelled DT. These buoys can be used by all sailors. http://www.sejlsport.dk/tursejlad/planlaeg-din-sejlad/turboejer
Anchoring and free access ashore	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, you cannot stay on it if private.
Good harbour manners	In Danish harbours a quiet environment is expected after 2200 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.
Safety in harbours	Basically use common sense. Most harbours are equipped with lifesaver, rescue ladders and fire extinguishers
Rescue services	Rescue service is run by the Danish marine and the air force. In case of emergency: Use VHF / DSC, further communication on Channel 16 Joint Rescue Coordination Centre can be contacted by phone +45 72850380 In case of situations that do not qualify as an emergency, use the Danish Sea Rescue Society. Contact numbers can be found on www.dsrs.dk
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 spots for 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 accept them as not freezing (even though they might). 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.
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.
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	Trains: http://www.dsb.dk This link is good but doesn't show all public transport in Denmark This one may be better: http://www.rejseplanen.dk
Major source of charts/pilot books in the country with link	Ivar C. Weilbach & Co www.weilbach.com
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: www.sejlsport.dk / +45 43262188 www.ftlf.dk (Danish Ocean Cruising Association) 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 shall have an EU pet-passport Your pet shall have a micro-chip implanted At least 21 days before coming to Denmark your pet shall be vaccinated against rabies. The pet must accompany the owner.
Practical advice	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. Most Danes speak English and will help you if you ask. In most harbours you will find a sailing club. If you ask politely you can use the facilities in the club. Paying with debit and credit cards is normal all over Denmark. There is no fee if you are paying with a debit-card. If you are paying with a credit card you will be charged a fee similar to the fee the shop has to pay for the transaction. Carry a small amount of cash in local currency.

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