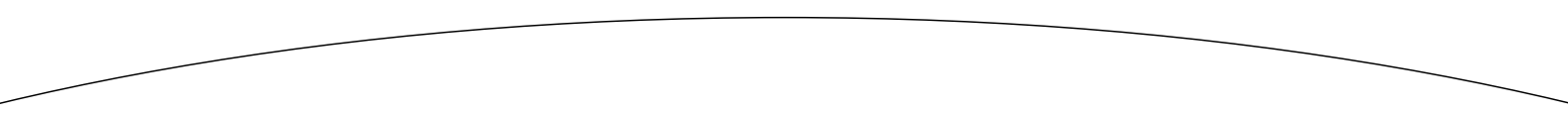




DANISH MARITIME AUTHORITY



**Denmark - a maritime nation
with a vision**



Although Denmark is somewhat small in size, it is a proud monarchy known as a strong and innovative shipping nation. Our maritime mentality was formed centuries ago when enterprising visionaries saw the potential of using Denmark's numerous coastlines as the foundation for extensive domestic and international trade.

For decades, each person in each town acted independently of the others, striving to develop larger ships capable of going faster and further at lower costs.

Today, the Danish government has established a clear course for our entire maritime industry – “The Blue Denmark”. The goal is to continuously develop as one of the leading maritime nations, maintaining at least 10 percent of world trade carried by ships under Danish management and operation. The simple strategy focuses on:

- Tax** Both domestic and foreign shipping companies are offered a stable and attractive economic framework.
- Technology** Continuous research, development and innovation bring forward the best solutions for quality shipping.
- Talent** To maintain the high level of Danish shipping we provide world class education and training for everyone working within The Blue Denmark.

Our goal can be achieved only through a continuous, open dialogue between the maritime Administration and the industry – both nationally and internationally. We are driven to create equal terms of competition for high quality shipping. We always work from a global perspective, because it is our firm belief that shipping is the backbone of globalisation.





**There is more to quality shipping
than clean certificates**

The promotion of quality shipping is something which Denmark considers as one of its most important tasks. Quite simply because in the long run it is clearly the only sustainable way forward for the maritime world – both in economic as well as safety and environmental terms.

By quality shipping we mean promoting the highest standards of health, safety and environmental protection together with high commercial competitiveness. It is primarily up to the ship owners to ensure and heighten the level of quality. Their success depends on their understanding of this as not just crucial, but also as a positive opportunity for their shipping business.

The Danish Maritime Authority has taken the lead in promoting quality shipping. In fact, we have made it the focal point of our activities. In our international work and our daily contact with ship owners, the results we create are designed to be useful, valuable and readily apparent to everyone. We have the courage to think new and big thoughts – and to find solutions which work in everyday life.

We are determined to ensure the proper conditions and competencies which enable competitive maritime companies to stay and grow in Denmark. Every day we strive to raise the quality of shipping through our cooperation within “The Blue Denmark”. We exist for those around us. This means that we take pride in listening and providing framework conditions which benefit all our stakeholders.

Placing quality shipping at the top of the agenda involves knowledge, commitment, perseverance and the ability to take initiatives. Although it might be hard work, we are certain that we have taken the right course.





Board of Directors and Heads of Centres of the Danish Maritime Authority, October 2009.



A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the upper center, casting a shimmering path of light across the water's surface. The sky is a gradient of warm colors from yellow to orange. In the distance, a large ship is silhouetted against the horizon. The foreground shows the dark, textured surface of the water with small waves.

**Green shipping is
the future**

As an active promoter of quality shipping, Denmark sees the climate and the environment as more than merely issues. They are imperatives which we constantly endeavour to improve. Locally as well as globally.

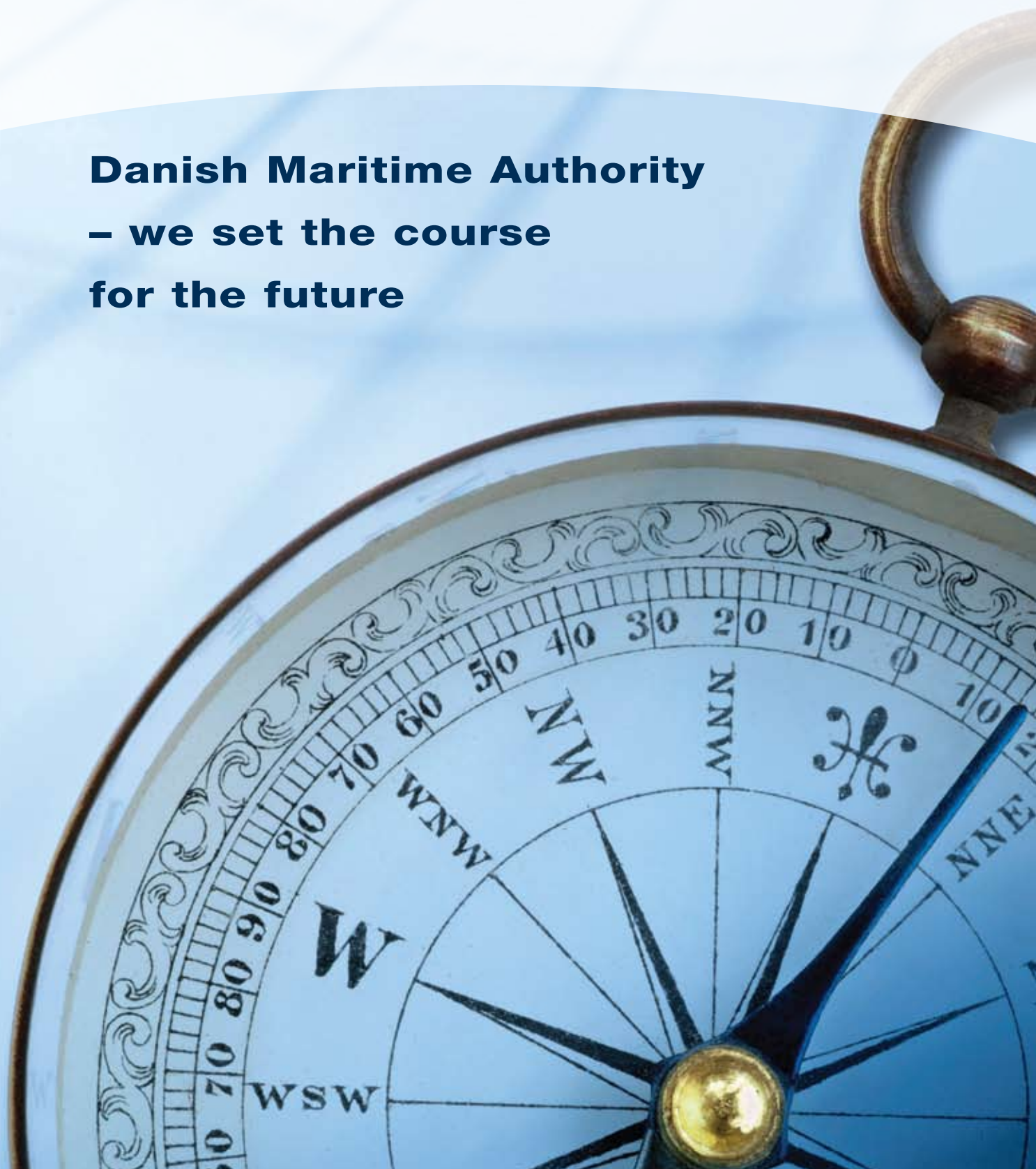
In close partnership with leading Danish companies, ship owners, research and educational institutions, efforts are being made to reduce the emission of CO₂ and any other hazardous substances. To this end, we are working together to establish goals and to facilitate more research, development and innovation.

Denmark is committed to making a difference internationally and is therefore an active member of the IMO – the United Nations' International Maritime Organization. Here we primarily strive to develop technical and market-based solutions, which include submitting global proposals for the regulation of CO₂ emissions in the future. Shipping is global in its nature, therefore global solutions are imperative.

We believe that any work which addresses the climate challenge must be made in close dialogue with all maritime nations. Because regulations must not only be binding – they must be equal for everyone, independent of flag. A level playing field for quality shipping is the key to sustainability for the maritime world.



Danish Maritime Authority
– we set the course
for the future



As a part of the Danish Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs, one of our most vital tasks is to maintain and develop Denmark as a leading maritime nation. Being a part of “The Blue Denmark”, we provide innovative, ambitious policies at a time when globalisation and international competition continue to impose more stringent demands.

This requires us to be an active, flexible, internationally focused Administration that does more than cooperate with everyone. Not only do we have to think comprehensively, we have to have the courage to think differently – in order to solve the challenges of the future we face right now.

When working with our most important areas of responsibility:

health, safety and the environment
economic framework conditions
maritime competencies

we work to assist both small fishing vessels and the world’s largest container ships in fulfilling the regulations enforced. This requires insight and outlook, and the ability to continuously keep our competencies up-to-date.

The Danish Maritime Authority exists for its customers. Consequently, we focus on being a modern Administration, providing an efficient, expedient, professional service. We openly welcome anyone working with the same goal – quality shipping.

If we have caught your interest, please see our website for additional information: **www.dma.dk**. And welcome aboard.

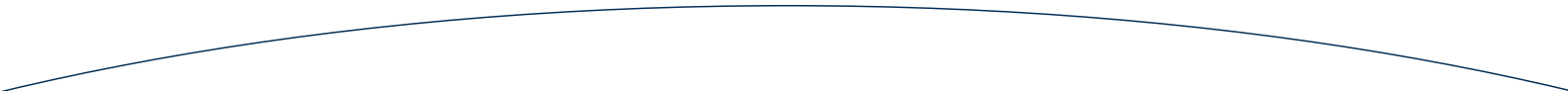
Our mission

To promote health and safety on clean seas and to effectively enhance the competitiveness and employment of the entire maritime industry worldwide.

Our vision

The Danish Maritime Authority sets the course for the future of high quality shipping.





www.dma.dk

Vermundsgade 38C, DK-2100 Copenhagen
Phone: + 45 3917 4400, Fax: +45 3917 4424