

Anyone with information on the ship on this stamp?



## Ships from Greenland

### CONSTANCE (brig)

Greenland # (2004) 6,50kr

1857 - The Royal Greenland Trade Department, Copenhagen, Denmark; M.J. Nielsen, Flensburg, Germany; Gt. 217;

The brig, **CONSTANCE**, was built by M. J. Nielsen in Flensburg in 1857 for the Royal Greenland Trade Department. During her 46 years in service for the department, **CONSTANCE**, managed 48 transatlantic voyages.



She was not a large ship, but many regarded this as an advantage in Greenland navigation because it is easier to maneuver small ships in ice-covered waters and narrow fiords. In 1903, the ship was laid up, and in 1908, she was sold. Subsequently, **CONSTANCE** was for some years used by Dansk Dampskibsrederiforening (the Danish Steam Ship Owners Association) as a stationary training ship for ship's cooks, then laid up again. In 1937, the 80-year old ship was scrapped in Sweden.

Source: Greenland Post *Collector* No. 3-04, Jean-Louis Araignon;

### DISKO (passenger cargo)

Greenland # (2004) 8,75kr

1927 - The Royal Greenland Trade Department, Copenhagen, Denmark; Strandgade Shipyard (Kjøbenhavns Flyd. & Skibs), Copenhagen, Denmark (yard No. 180); Gt. 1,496, nt. 859, dwt. 1,400; 246' x 36'2" x 17'; B&W diesel engine, 1,050 hp, 10.25, kn.

Far into the 20th century, the Royal Greenland Trade Department was still using sailing ships, though often with a steam engine. In 1926-27, the department finally took the



plunge and built a modern passenger ship, **DISKO**, measuring 1,496 gross tons. The ship was built at the Kjøbenhavns Flydedok & Skibsverft in Copenhagen and radically departed from the hitherto prevailing ideas of how ships for polar navigation ought to be, for she was built of steel. The **DISKO** was delivered to her owners in March 1927, as something quite new in Greenland navigation, equipped with a diesel engine.

In 1953, she was sold or transferred to Royal Greenland Trade Dept., Copenhagen.

By the time **DISKO** was laid up at Aasiaat (Egedesminde) in 1963, she had undertaken 157 voyages between Copenhagen and Greenland and, in addition, sailed for a couple of years on coastal navigation.

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