

Anyone identified the ship on this stamp?



Centenarians in the Service of Norway's Communication

On June 6, 2008, Norway issued a set of four stamps featuring two ships, a bus and a train that are over 100 years old and still in working conditions. The two ships are the **BØRØYSUND** and **OSTER**.

BØRØYSUND (passenger / mail steamer)

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1908 – Vesteraalens Dampskibsselskab, Stokmarknes, Norway; Trondhjems Mek. Værksted A/S, Trondheim, Norway (yard No. 133); Gt. 179, nt. 82; 33,10m x 5,57m x 2,62m (draught), [108.8'/100.4'(lpp) x 18.3' x 9.5']; 3 cyl. triple exp. Steam engine (TMV) 45nhp, 258ihp, 9 kn; steel hull; 166 passengers.

She was delivered in July 1908 from Trondhjems Mek. Værksted A/S, Trondheim as **ODIN** to Throndhjems Lægterkompani (Emil Tønnesen), Trondheim and was put in regularly scheduled service around Trondheimsfjorden. In September 1914, she was requisitioned by Den Konglige Norske Marine

(Royal Norwegian Navy) for use as neutrality guard, but returned to her pre-war owners in November 1918. Sold in 1923 to A/S Hjelme & Herlø Dampskibsselskab, Bergen and renamed **SKJERGARD**, and put in regular service between Bergen and Øygarden (islands west of Bergen). Sold in October 1925 to Vesteraalens Dampskibsselskab, Stokmarknes and renamed **BØRØYSUND**, in service around Lofoten and Vesterålen. She was remeasured in 1934, to Gt.181, and rebuilt in 1936, Gt. 190.

In regular service all through the war and she may have been used in connection with the evacuation of Finnmark at the end of the war.

She was in bad state of repair at war's end in May 1945, but was repaired and re-entered regular service. Laid up in Stokmarknes around 1955 as a reserve ship. Sold in 1961 to Hadsel Yrkesskole (Technical College), Hadsel, renamed **HYMA**, and used as training vessel for the school's engineering dept.

She was remeasured in 1962, Gt. 181, and in 1969, sold to Norsk Veteranskippklubb, Oslo and renamed **BØRØYSUND**. Restored with the aim of making her look as she did in 1936, the work continuing for many years. Completed in 1973, registered in Oslo with a passenger certificate for 100



passengers and used for charter trips in Oslofjord. Remeasured in 1978, 179 gt. As per 2008, still in use as veteran ship and a familiar feature in Oslo, with her permanent mooring near the City Hall.

Source: T. Eriksen, Norway; Jens Chr. Egenæs, *Vesteraalens Dampskibsselskab* published in *Skipet* 4.94/1.95; Finn R. Hansen, *Her Byggedes Skibe, Trondheims Mekaniske Verksted 1843-1983; Norsk Illustrerte Skipsliste 2006*; D. Rodlie.

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