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1000 Years of Greenlandic Shipping

Greenland Post has recently issued a book in commemoration of that country's rich seafaring history. This is the first book of two and covers the following ships issued on stamps by Greenland over the past two years: **NORDLYSET**, **HVIDBJØRNEN**, **STARKODDER**, **HAABET**, **GODTHAAB**, **GAMLA FOX**, **EMMA** and **SONJA**. Volume 2 will cover the next eight ships in the series: **CONSTANCA**, **DISKO**, **JULIUS THOMSEN**, **DANNEBROG**, **MISSIGSUT**, **KISTA ARCTICA**, **HMS TRITON** and **SARPIK ITTUK**. More information about this book on page 34.

EMMA (galleass)

Greenland # (2003) 6.75kr

1884 - Greenland Trade Department, Copenhagen, Denmark; Marstal, Denmark;

Due to the rapid growth of settlements along the west coast of Greenland during the 18th century, a need for

FOX/GAMMLA FOX (schooner/barque)

Greenland # (2003) 7.75kr

1855 - Cryolite Company (I. P. Suhr & Son), Copenhagen, Denmark; Alexander Hall & Co, Aberdeen, Scotland; Gt. 186; 30hp steam engine, one screw; crew (as a yacht) 26; wood hull.



vessels for local use was created. In the beginning, this was managed by using umiat (women's boats), but they were not solid and spacious enough for the transport of goods and materials. By the end of the 18th century, smaller sailing boats, yachts and sloops were therefore stationed in Greenland, and gradually also a few galleasses and a schooner or two.

The galleass **EMMA**, which was built in Marstal in 1884 and sent to Julianehaab the following year, was one of the so-called cruise vessels. In 1946, **EMMA** ended her days as the last cruise vessel – perhaps even the last commercial ship under Dannebrog - which was under sail only.

Source: Post Greenland

It was not the Greenland Trade Department, but the Cryolite Company, which sent the first power-driven ship to Greenland. This took place in 1865, when the business partner I. P. Suhr & Son employed the screw-propelled schooner bark **FOX**, to sail between Copenhagen and Ivigtut. The 10-year-old ship had already, by then, a checkered career.

She was built as a yacht for Sir Richard Sutton, who made one voyage in her to Norway. But after his death in 1857, **FOX** was purchased by Lady Jane Franklin, who put the ship under command of Arctic veteran Captain Francis Leopold M'Clintock, to search for the remains of Sir John Franklin's ships.

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