

# Marshals of the Empire

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1. Is there any doubt in our minds that with Finland's and Sweden's forfeiture of their neutral status and their entry into NATO, the Baltic Sea would become an internal lake for the West?
2. Do we realize that the only maritime accesses to and from St. Petersburg through the Denmark straits would become controlled absolutely by the West?
3. Are we aware that Finland and Estonia are currently talking of blockading militarily the Gulf of Finland and the approaches to St. Petersburg?
4. Do we have any memory of why and how the Baltic States were annexed by the Soviet Union in 1944, together with the Kaliningrad exclave?
5. Do we believe for a second that the West would have had the slightest interest in incorporating Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, or Kazakhstan within its realm, in the fashion of the Ukraine, since neither has anything even close to the strategic value of mainland Ukraine, Crimea and Sebastopol?
6. Do we seriously believe that the West and its allies would have intervened militarily with such exuberance if Russia had invaded Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, or Kazakhstan (or for that matter Kyrgyzstan or Tajikistan), thus starting a world war out of concern for their dignity?

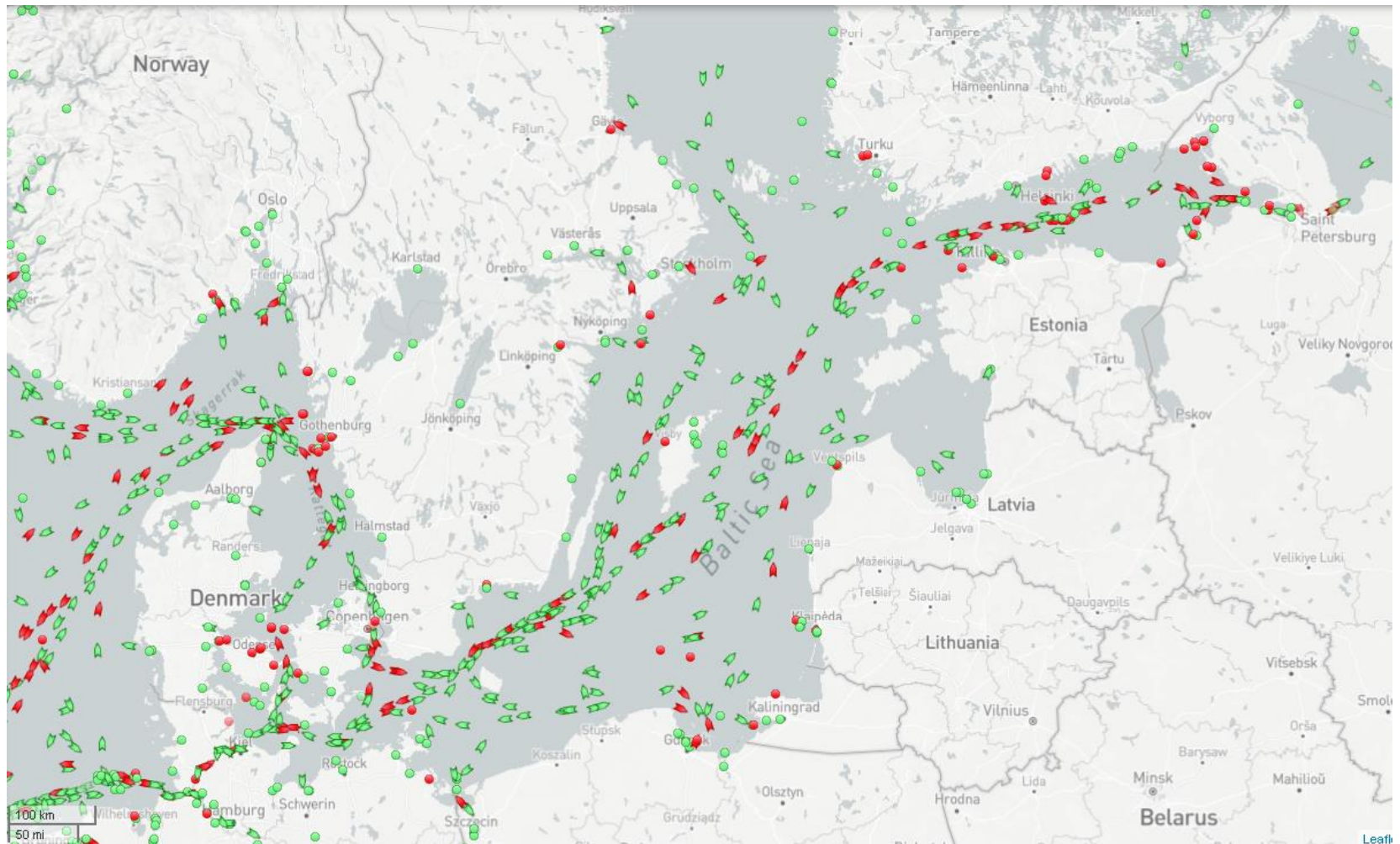
7. Can we still believe with a straight face that the whole current charade was not triggered by the West's somewhat megalomaniac dreams of turning the Black Sea into an extension of a modern day Mare Nostrum and the Baltic Sea into some sort of Mare Nostrum Borealis, just like Germany tried and almost succeeded to achieve in 1940?
8. Are we certain that contemporary Marshals of the Empire in the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Spain, or Germany are not dreaming at night of deploying their great navies at Sebastopol in the south and at a resurrected Teutonic Königsberg in the north, while their Empire by Association widely exceeds the reaches of both the Napoleonic and the Roman Empires?

If the Marshals persist, how could the conflict with Russia possibly not get much worse than it already is?



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**Maritime traffic in the Baltic Sea, 13 August 2022 (dry cargo in green; tankers in red)**