

= Port of Skagen =

The Port of Skagen , also Skagen Harbour , (Danish : Skagen Havn) is located in Skagen , northern Denmark . The country 's leading fishing port consists of an industrial harbour that supports the area 's fishing industry as well as facilities for cruise ships . It also has a shipyard and fish @-@ processing facilities . The harbour 's marina is open to visitors during the summer months .

The fishing harbour was built between 1904 and 1907 , with inner and outer sections established under the supervision of hydraulic engineer Palle Bruun . The official inauguration was on 20 November 1907 . The distinctive warehouses next to the harbour were designed by Thorvald Bindsbøll , and opened in May 1908 . In 1932 , on the occasion of the harbour 's 25th anniversary , Anne Marie Carl @-@ Nielsen 's statue of the fisherman and lifeboatman was unveiled . The harbour was expanded to the east between 1935 and 1938 , and in the 1950s an 11 million krone (kr) expansion took place to the west , increasing the off @-@ shore area by 70 @,@ 000 square metres (750 @,@ 000 sq ft) and the on @-@ shore area by 90 @,@ 000 square metres (970 @,@ 000 sq ft) . Between 1964 and 1979 the harbour was further expanded towards the east in a 35 million kr project to facilitate growth at the port , doubling the size of the harbour and providing new facilities for auctioning the catches from the 400 fishing boats registered in Skagen .

The Skagen Port Authority is responsible for the harbour 's administration . FF Skagen , one of three companies supporting the Danish fish meal industry , has its processing plant on Skagen wharf . The harbour is being adapted to accommodate large international cruise ships . A new 450 m (1 @,@ 480 ft) berth to be completed by 2015 will also provide facilities for oil bunkering and enhanced facilities for the fishing industry .

= = Description = =

The Port of Skagen is situated in Ålbæk Bugt (Ålbæk Bay) . The harbour covers a total area of 1 @,@ 015 @,@ 000 m² (10 @,@ 930 @,@ 000 sq ft) , consisting of 645 @,@ 000 m² (6 @,@ 940 @,@ 000 sq ft) of land and 370 @,@ 000 m² (4 @,@ 000 @,@ 000 sq ft) of water . The quays and moorings have a total length of 5 @.@ 5 km (3 @.@ 4 mi) , of which 970 m (3 @,@ 180 ft) have a depth of 9 m (30 ft) . The harbour consists of three main basins (docks with water levels controlled by flood gates) : Ydre Forhavnsbassin , Vesthavn and Østhavn . The Vesthavn consists of Indre Forhavnsbassin , Bundgarnsbassin , Auktionsbassin , Mellembassin and Vestre Bassin , while the Østhavn consists of Østbassin I and Østbassin II . Skagen Lystbådehavn (Skagen 's pleasure boat harbour) administers the area between Gamle Pier and Pier 2 in the Mellembassin .

The harbour can accommodate ships up to 130 metres (430 ft) long and 20 metres (66 ft) wide with a draft of 7 metres (23 ft) . Ships less than 90 metres (300 ft) long can moor at Quay 4 with a draft of 9 metres (30 ft) . The largest vessel to have visited Skagen Harbour is the cruise ship Silver Cloud with a length of 156 metres (512 ft) , which moored on Quay 4 in 2010 and 2011 . The Lystbådehavn (marina) between Piers 1 and 2 is open to visiting pleasure boats from 1 April to 30 September . While the Port of Skagen supervises the marina during the summer months , the facilities are used for berthing fishing boats in the off @-@ season . Frederikshavn Municipality is the official administrator . Facilities on Pier 1 include a diesel fuelling station at the end the pier and a barbecue . There is also a service building with toilets , showers , washing machines and dryers . Wifi internet access is available throughout the marina .

= = History = =

= = = Early history and background = = =

After years of discussion between Skagen 's fishermen and the authorities , a commission was finally established in the 1880s , leading to an early proposal for a harbour by Customs Inspector

Holm that was not accepted . Under pressure from the fishermen , the Minister of the Interior called on an engineer by the name of Berg to prepare a new proposal in 1888 . This finally led to parliamentary approval on 23 April 1903 , followed by a call for tenders on 26 January 1904 . On the basis of a bid from Gunnarson & Søn og Elzelingen , work was initiated in February 1904 on Skagen 's Sønderstand (south shore) just outside the town . The work was supervised by the hydraulic engineer Palle Bruun who had reported on harbours in the Faroe Islands .

The design consisted of two breakwaters some 500 m (1 @, @ 600 ft) apart that stretched out to sea . With their outer extensions providing an entrance some 60 m (200 ft) wide , the harbour covered an area of almost 160 @, @ 000 m² (1 @, @ 700 @, @ 000 sq ft) . The basin was divided by two cross piers , creating an outer harbour and an inner harbour with an entrance 40 m (130 ft) wide . A harbour @-@ master 's house , fish warehouse and a customs office were built in parallel . On 19 November 1907 , King Frederik VIII ceremonially opened the port in the presence of the Skagen Painters , who had decorated the facilities with flags . Carl Locher had designed an impressive gateway of honour .

In May 1908 , four fish warehouses on the quayside designed by Thorvald Bindesbøll were opened . In 1932 , on the occasion of the harbour 's 25th anniversary , Anne Marie Carl @-@ Nielsen 's statue of the fisherman and lifeboatman was unveiled . In 1935 , Johannes Friis @-@ Skotte , Minister for Transport , announced that the government were funding a 900 @, @ 000 kr project to expand the harbour towards the east , involving a 100 metres (330 ft) by 200 metres (660 ft) basin with a depth of 4 @. @ 5 metres (15 ft) , designed to facilitate fisherman during the process of unloading . As a result , between 1935 and 1938 the harbour was expanded towards the east , and a new auction room was added in 1938 , 100 metres (330 ft) in length and 12 metres (39 ft) wide , with skylights and seven phone booths .

= = = Post @-@ war developments = = =

In 1943 , the Rigsdag approved 7 million kr proposals to further expand the harbour towards the west . However , due to the German occupation during the war the project was postponed and it wasn 't until 1952 that construction began , rising to a budget of 11 million kr . The off @-@ shore area of the port was expanded by 70 @, @ 000 square metres (750 @, @ 000 sq ft) and the on @-@ shore area was enlarged by 90 @, @ 000 square metres (970 @, @ 000 sq ft) , with some 12 metres (39 ft) of quay . Between 1964 and 1979 the harbour was further expanded towards the east in a 35 million kr project to facilitate growth at the port , doubling the size of the harbour and providing new facilities for auctioning the catches from the 400 fishing boats registered in Skagen . The off @-@ shore area was enlarged by 14 hectares and the on @-@ shore area with 120 hectares . A new auction room was erected between the fisheries inspection building and the auction office . In 1985 , the Auktionsbassin (the Auction Basin) of the port was deepened by some 7 metres (23 ft) , as was the Vesthavnen (West Harbour) in the early 1990s .

In 2001 , the Port of Skagen acquired autonomously governed harbour status , after the government sold off several of the national harbours . Under ownership of the municipality , a 12 @. @ 5 million kr investment was put into deepening the Østbassin 2 (East Basin 2) and building a new 300 metres (980 ft) quay to a depth of 9 metres (30 ft) in its outer part . In 2007 , a new dry dock measuring 135 m (443 ft) by 25 m (82 ft) was built for Karstensen 's wharf . Additional facilities for fish processing , including a refrigeration plant , were completed in 2008 .

= = Fishing = =

The Port of Skagen is Denmark 's largest fishing port and the first in Europe for landings of pelagic fish , primarily herring . Founded in 1960 , FF Skagen is one of three companies supporting the Danish fish @-@ meal industry ; its processing plant is located on Skagen wharf . As of 2011 , statistics from the Danish Fisheries Directorate list Skagen Harbour as the leading fishing port in Denmark in terms of both the quantity of catches and their value . Statistics for 2013 from NaturErhvervstyrelsen showed a year @-@ on @-@ year increase in fishing takings of 10 percent

for a total value of DKK 3 @. @ 4 billion (c . US \$ 621 million) . Harbour director Willy Bent Hansen reported that the Port of Skagen now represented over 25 percent of all fish landed in Denmark .

In late April 2014 , the 86 @-@ meter @-@ long supertrawler " Gitte Henning " landed a record 3 @, @ 281 tons of whiting in Skagen after returning from its maiden voyage , apparently the largest catch ever in Denmark .

= = Recent developments = =

The harbour is currently being adapted to accommodate large international cruise ships . A new 450 m (1 @, @ 480 ft) berth will be completed by 2015 , while the existing 170 m (560 ft) berth will be extended to 200 m (660 ft) . On the shipbuilding front , Karstensens Skibsværft continues to prosper with orders for trawlers from Norway . There are also plans for establishing oil @-@ bunkering facilities for large vessels on the outer section of the new port .

In July 2014 , Berlingske reported that from 2015 the enlarged harbour was expected to attract up to 40 large cruise ships per year compared to only a dozen smaller ships at present . The larger vessels will carry up to 3 @, @ 500 passengers . Port of Skagen was covering the cost of the work which amounted to DKK 226 million (US \$ 41 million) . The new harbour would provide new jobs increasing the workforce from some 2 @, @ 000 today to 2 @, @ 600 on completion . Karstens Skibsværft , Danish Yacht , and the herring processing firm , Skagerrak Pelgic , were reported to be the most successful companies in Skagen but the town was also home to FF Skagen , the world 's top producer of fish meal and fish oil .