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## STRAIGHT BASELINES: DENMARK

The Danish Government promulgated straight baselines by a Royal Decree of December 21, 1966, which has been modified by Decree No. 189 of April 19, 1978.

The text of the 1966 Decree is as follows, with bracketed portions indicating those provisions which have been modified by the 1978 decree:

## ROYAL DECREE ON THE DELIMITATION OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA

The delimitation of the territorial waters which consist of the territorial sea and the internal waters shall be governed by the following rules:

Section 1, Subsection 1. The territorial sea comprises those areas of the sea which, on the inner side are delimited by the lines referred to in section 4 and which, on the outer side, are delimited by lines drawn in such a manner, that the distance from every point on these lines to the nearest point on the inner borderline shall be 3 nautical miles $(5,556$ metres).

Subsection 2. The outer delimitation of the Danish Customs area and the Danish fishing territory is governed by special rules laid down by law.

Subsection 3. As far as the waters bordering upon Sweden and Germany are concerned, the outer limit of the territorial sea shall not go beyond the lines delimiting the internal waters and the territorial seas established by Declaration of January 30, 1932, between Denmark and Sweden concerning the delimitation in the Sound, cf. Executive Order No. 41 of February 22, 1932, and Executive Order No. 497 of December 21, 1923, concerning the frontier between Denmark and Germany.

Section 2. The internal waters comprise those areas of the sea, such as harbours, harbour entrances, roadsteads, bays, fjords, sounds and belts, which are situated inside the lines referred to in section 4.

Section 3. The provisions of section 2, cf. section 4, shall involve no restrictions in the existing right of passage for foreign vessels through those parts of the internal waters in the Samsø Belt, the Little Belt, the Great Belt, and the Sound, which are normally used for such passage.

Section 4. The lines to be used for delimitation of the territorial sea in pursuance of Section 1 shall be those specified below and in the appended map of the coast-line (lowwater mark at mean spring-tide) or straight lines between the following points:
(All positions indicated according to the European Datum System)

1. $55^{\circ} 04^{\prime} 144^{\prime N} 8^{\circ} 23^{\prime} 30 " E$ thence a straight line to
2. $55^{\circ} 12^{\prime} 40 " N 8{ }^{\circ} 24^{\prime} 144^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
3. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 477^{\prime N} 8^{\circ} 24^{\prime} 57$ "E thence a straight line to
4. $\quad 55^{\circ} 26^{\prime} 40 " N 8^{\circ} 18^{\prime} 48$ "E thence a straight line to
5. $\quad 55^{\circ} 28^{\prime} 266^{\prime N} 8^{\circ} 17{ }^{\prime} 05^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence the coastline to
6. $56^{\circ} 41$ ' 50 "N $8^{\circ} 111^{\prime} 46$ "E thence a straight line to
7. $56^{\circ} 45^{\prime} 21^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 8^{\circ} 13^{\prime} 29 " \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
[8 [57º29'45"N 10³0'11"E
[ thence a straight line to
[9 57³0'00"N 10ํ36'18"E
[ thence a straight line to
[10. $57^{\circ} 29^{\prime} 10 " \mathrm{~N} 10^{\circ} 37^{\prime} 422^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
8. $57^{\circ} 28^{\prime} 577^{\prime N} 10^{\circ} 37^{\prime} 433^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
[12. $57^{\circ} 20^{\prime} 01^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 32^{\prime} 16$ " E [ thence the coastline to
[13. $57^{\circ} 00^{\prime} 16^{\prime \prime N} 10^{\circ} 20^{\prime} 544^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$
[ thence a straight line to
9. $56^{\circ} 58^{\prime} 23^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 20^{\prime} 02{ }^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence the coastline to
10. $56^{\circ} 58^{\prime} 04^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 444^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
11. $56^{\circ} 57^{\prime} 18 " \mathrm{~N} 10^{\circ} 17^{\prime} 36$ "E thence the coastline to
12. $56^{\circ} 43^{\prime} 07{ }^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 20^{\prime} 03^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
13. $56^{\circ} 38^{\prime} 49 " \mathrm{~N} 10^{\circ} 21^{\prime} 38^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to

The point where the line from NW point of Sild to Rømø Flak W intersects the line delimiting the internal waters between Denmark and Germany.
Rømø W

Galgerev (Fanø S)

Søren Jessens Sand

Skallingen W

Harboøre Tange NW

Agger Tange W

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Strandby ]Replaced
Holm N of Graesholm ] Deleted
Hirsholm NE Coast ] Deleted
]
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Hirsholm S point
Saeby Harbour ] Replaced

Hals NE ] Deleted
]

Korsholm N point

Korsholm S point

Egense SE

Alsodde

Point NE of Sødringholm Wood
19. $56^{\circ} 35^{\prime} 46^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 20^{\prime} 35$ " E thence the coastline to
20. $56^{\circ} 18^{\prime} 08^{\prime \prime N} 10^{\circ} 51^{\prime} 577^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Point S of Katholm Wood thence a straight line to
21. $56^{\circ} 08^{\prime} 07^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 48^{\prime} 43^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Hjelm E-most point thence a straight line to
22. $55^{\circ} 56^{\prime} 06^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 47^{\prime} 38$ " $\mathrm{E} \quad$ Bosserne-E-most point thence a straight line to
23. $55^{\circ} 52^{\prime} 01^{\prime \prime N} 10^{\circ} 40^{\prime} 36$ " $\mathrm{E} \quad$ Staalhøj Hage thence the coastline to
24. $55^{\circ} 45^{\prime} 55^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 37^{\prime 2} 22^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Lushage thence a straight line to
25. $55^{\circ} 37^{\prime} 16^{\prime \prime N} 10^{\circ} 37^{\prime} 04$ "E thence the coastline to
26. $55^{\circ} 28^{\prime} 39^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 44^{\prime} 56^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
27. $55^{\circ} 24^{\prime} 56^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 43^{\prime} 41^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Risinge Hoved thence the coastline to
28. $55^{\circ} 17^{\prime 2} 27^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 51^{\prime} 111^{\prime E}$

Knudshoved thence a straight line to
29. $55^{\circ} 09^{\prime} 28^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 57^{\prime 2} 20^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Langeland N point thence the coastline to
30. $54^{\circ} 43^{\prime} 277^{\prime N} 10^{\circ} 41^{\prime} 12$ "E thence a straight line to
31. $54^{\circ} 49^{\prime} 04^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 25^{\prime} 07^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Vejsnaes Nakke thence the coastline to
32. $54^{\circ} 55^{\prime} 12^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 14^{\prime} 49$ " $E$ thence a straight line to
33. $54^{\circ} 52^{\prime} 277^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 04^{\prime} 02^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence the coastline to
34. $\quad 54^{\circ} 51^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 9^{\circ} 59^{\prime} 18{ }^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
35. $54^{\circ} 49^{\prime} 13^{\prime \prime N} 9^{\circ} 56^{\prime} 30 " E$

E-most end point of the line delimiting the internal waters between Denmark and Germany
36. $56^{\circ} 04^{\prime} 15^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 11^{\circ} 13^{\prime} 19 " \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to beacon
[37. $56^{\circ} 00^{\prime} 41^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 11^{\circ} 16^{\prime} 400^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$
[ thence the coastline to
[38. $55^{\circ} 58^{\prime} 42^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 11^{\circ} 46^{\prime} 377^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$
[ thence a straight line to
[39. $55^{\circ} 58^{\prime} 36 " \mathrm{~N} 11^{\circ} 51^{\prime} 18{ }^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$
[ thence the coastline to
40. $56^{\circ} 03^{\prime} 09^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 12^{\circ} 35^{\prime} 377^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
41. $56^{\circ} 02^{\prime} 38^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 12^{\circ} 37^{\prime} 49$ " E thence a straight line to
42. $56^{\circ} 02^{\prime} 38^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 12^{\circ} 37^{\prime} 49^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
43. $56^{\circ} 01^{\prime} 44^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 12^{\circ} 37^{\prime} 49 " E$ thence a straight line to
44. $56^{\circ} 01^{\prime} 00 " \mathrm{~N} 12^{\circ} 36^{\prime} 46$ " E thence a straight line to
45. $56^{\circ} 01^{\prime} 00{ }^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 12^{\circ} 36^{\prime} 044^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Point NE of Snekkersten thence the coastline to
46. $55^{\circ} 477^{\prime} 17 " N 12^{\circ} 35^{\prime} 52^{\prime \prime} E$ thence a straight line to
47. $55^{\circ} 47^{\prime} 07{ }^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 12^{\circ} 40^{\prime} 200^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
48. $55^{\circ} 41^{\prime} 577^{\prime N} 12^{\circ} 50^{\prime} 49 " E$ thence a straight line to
49. $55^{\circ} 40^{\prime} 24^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 12^{\circ} 46^{\prime} 10$ " E thence the coastline to
50. $55^{\circ} 40^{\prime} 15 " \mathrm{~N} 12^{\circ} 46^{\prime} 36$ "E thence a straight line to
51. $55^{\circ} 37{ }^{\prime} 16 " \mathrm{~N} 12^{\circ} 48^{\prime} 588^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
52. $55^{\circ} 36^{\prime} 04 " \mathrm{~N} 12^{\circ} 49^{\prime} 25^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
52. $55^{\circ} 36^{\prime} 04^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 12^{\circ} 49^{\prime} 25^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Søndre Flint thence a straight line to

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Søndre Flint
$53 \quad 55^{\circ} 36^{\prime} 19^{\prime \prime N} 12^{\circ} 47^{\prime} 07{ }^{\prime \prime} E \quad$ Holm S of Saltholm thence a straight line to
54. $55^{\circ} 36^{\prime} 24^{\prime \prime N} 12^{\circ} 46^{\prime} 28^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
55. $55^{\circ} 32^{\prime} 13^{\prime \prime N} 12^{\circ} 42^{\prime} 46 " E$ thence a straight line to
56. $55^{\circ} 30^{\prime} 58^{\prime \prime N} 12^{\circ} 35^{\prime} 36 " E$ thence a straight line to
57. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 51^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 12^{\circ} 27^{\prime} 23^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Mandehoved thence the coastline to
58. $55^{\circ} 17^{\prime} 300^{\prime N} 12^{\circ} 27^{\prime} 23^{\prime \prime} E \quad$ Stevns thence a straight line to
59. $55^{\circ} 00^{\prime} 31^{\prime \prime N} 12^{\circ} 31^{\prime 2} 22^{\prime \prime} E$ thence the coastline to
60. $54^{\circ} 56^{\prime} 444^{\prime N} 12^{\circ} 32^{\prime} 19 " E$ thence a straight line to
61. $54^{\circ} 50^{\prime} 08^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 12^{\circ} 10^{\prime} 01^{\prime E} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Hestehoved thence a straight line to
62. $54^{\circ} 33^{\prime} 39^{\prime \prime N} 11^{\circ} 58^{\prime} 29^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence the coastline to
63. $54^{\circ} 33^{\prime} 35^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 11^{\circ} 58^{\prime} 20^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Gedser Odde S thence a straight line to
64. $54^{\circ} 33^{\prime} 38^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 11^{\circ} 52^{\prime} 255^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
65. $54^{\circ} 35^{\prime} 38^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 11^{\circ} 30^{\prime} 56^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence the coast line to
66. $54^{\circ} 50^{\prime} 12^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 57^{\prime} 36$ " E thence a straight line to
67. $54^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 19^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 11^{\circ} 01^{\prime} 00^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence the coastline to
68. $\quad 54^{\circ} 54^{\prime} 48^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 11^{\circ} 01^{\prime} 38^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
69. $55^{\circ} 09^{\prime} 37^{\prime \prime N} 11^{\circ} 08^{\prime} 03^{\prime \prime} E$ thence a straight line to
70. $55^{\circ} 20^{\prime} 51^{\prime \prime N} 11^{\circ} 05^{\prime} 377^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
71. $55^{\circ} 28^{\prime} 29^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 11^{\circ} 04^{\prime 2} 28^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Musholm thence a straight line to
72. $55^{\circ} 30^{\prime} 57^{\prime \prime N} 11^{\circ} 04^{\prime} 55^{\prime \prime E} \quad$ Reers $\varnothing$ thence a straight line to
73. $55^{\circ} 39^{\prime} 50{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 56^{\prime} 06$ "E thence a straight line to
74. $55^{\circ} 44^{\prime} 40$ "N $10^{\circ} 52^{\prime} 12$ "E Røsnaes thence a straight line to
75. $55^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 11^{\circ} 04^{\prime} 53^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$

Sejerø N point thence a straight line to
36. $56^{\circ} 04^{\prime} 15^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 11^{\circ} 13^{\prime} 19$ " Laeso
76. $57^{\circ} 21^{\prime} 52^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 56^{\prime} 00^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Nordre Rønner thence a straight line to
77. $57^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 27^{\prime \prime N} 11^{\circ} 11^{\prime} 50$ " thence the coastline to
78. $57^{\circ} 17{ }^{\prime} 53^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 11^{\circ} 11^{\prime} 24$ " E thence a straight line to
79. $57^{\circ} 12^{\prime} 21^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 11^{\circ} 02^{\prime} 09$ " thence the coastline to
80. $57^{\circ} 12^{\prime} 00$ "N $10^{\circ} 59^{\prime} 53^{\prime \prime} E \quad$ Hornfiskerøn SW thence a straight line to
81. $57^{\circ} 14^{\prime} 31^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 53^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Sønder Nyland thence a straight line to
82. $57^{\circ} 15^{\prime} 30 " \mathrm{~N} 10^{\circ} 52^{\prime} 15$ "E Laesø W-most point thence a straight line to
83. $57^{\circ} 21^{\prime} 21^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 54^{\prime} 12$ "E Bordfeld thence a straight line to
76. $57^{\circ} 21^{\prime} 52^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 10^{\circ} 56^{\prime} 00^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Nordre Rønner

Christiansø
84. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 53^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 15^{\circ} 10^{\prime} 31^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Rock N of Tat (W end) thence the coastline to
85. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 52^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 15^{\circ} 10^{\prime} 33^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
86. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 27{ }^{\prime \prime N} 15^{\circ} 11$ '31"E

Rock N of Christiansø thence a straight line to
87. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 25^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 15^{\circ} 11^{\prime} 34$ "E

Christiansø NE
88. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 09^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 15^{\circ} 11^{\prime} 56$ " $\mathrm{E} \quad$ Østerskaer NE thence a straight line to
89. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 07{ }^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 15^{\circ} 11^{\prime} 55$ "E

Østerskaer SE thence a straight line to
90. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 06^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 15^{\circ} 11^{\prime} 52^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$ thence a straight line to
91. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 04^{\prime \prime N} 15^{\circ} 11^{\prime} 20$ "E Christiansø S thence a straight line to
92. $\quad 55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 25^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 15^{\circ} 10^{\prime} 36$ " E thence a straight line to
93. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 30$ "N $15^{\circ} 10^{\prime} 32$ " $E$

Graesholm W thence a straight line to
94. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 48^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 15^{\circ} 10^{\prime} 30$ " E thence a straight line to
95. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 50^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 15^{\circ} 10^{\prime} 30$ " thence a straight line to
96. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 51^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 15^{\circ} 10^{\prime} 30$ "E

Tat W thence a straight line to
84. $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 53^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N} 15^{\circ} 10^{\prime} 31^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$

Rock N of Tat (W end)
Done at Amalienborg on December 21, 1966.
Frederik

## Victor Gram

The supplemental order modifying the original system of straight baselines for Denmark is as follows:

DECREE NO. 189 OF APRIL 19, 1978 THE DELIMITATION OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA

WE, MARGRETHE THE SECOND, BY THE GRACE OF GOD QUEEN OF DENMARK, make known by these presents:

As from May 1, 1978, Section 4 of the Royal Decree No. 437 of December 21, 1966 on the Delimitation of the Territorial Sea is amended as follows:

1. No. 8) deleted and replaced by:
" $57^{\circ} 44^{\prime} 43^{\prime \prime N} 10^{\circ} 39^{\prime 2} 26 " E . . . .$. Grenen
thence a straight line to"
2. No. 9) deleted.
3. No. 10) deleted.
4. No. 12) deleted and replaced by:
" $57^{\circ} 13^{\prime} 45^{\prime \prime N} 10^{\circ} 33^{\prime} 12^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E} \quad$ Holm off Lyngsa thence a straight line to"
5. No. 13) deleted.
6. No. 37) deleted and replaced by:
" $56^{\circ} 12^{\prime} 22^{\prime \prime N} 11^{\circ} 40$ '34"E NW-reef thence a straight line to"
7. No. 38) deleted and replaced by:
" $56^{\circ} 07^{\prime} 49$ "N $12^{\circ} 18^{\prime} 43$ "E Gilleleje Harbour pier thence the coastline to"
8. No. 39) deleted.

Done at Amalienborg, April 19, 1978
Under Our Royal Hand and Seal (signed) MARGRETHE R.
(countersigned) Poul Sogaard

\begin{abstract}
ANALYSIS
The Danish straight baseline decree is aimed at accomplishing three separate purposes. The straight baselines a) close certain bays and river mouths; b) tie certain "fringing islands" to the mainland; and c) enclose certain closely related islands within single baseline systems utilizing one major island as mainland. One of the last-named, Christiansø, is an extremely small series of rocks and islets detached from the mainland of Denmark. Because these latter straight baselines enclose a very small area, they have not been shown on the attached map. They are, however, analyzed in the following table:

| Point | Length in n.m. |  | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sector | Total |  |
| JUTLAND |  |  |  |
| 1-2 | 8.7 |  | The initial point marks the (internal waters) terminus of the Danish-German land boundary. The baseline extends northward to a spit, a distance of approximately 2.5 nautical miles from Rømø and 13 nautical miles from Jutland. The SBL does not deviate from the general direction of the coast. |
| 2-3 | 7.2 |  | The same geographic relationships apply. Point 3 is the seaward point of a spit extending from Fanø. |
| 3-4 | 7.75 |  | The SBL parallels Fanø, about 1.25 n.m. distant, to connect with a second low-tide spit. |
| 4-5 | 2.2 |  | The SBL joins Jutland, connecting the mud-flat rimmed, fringing islands with the mainland. At low tide, very little water surface exists shoreward of the SBL. |
| 25.85 |  |  |  |
| 6-7 | 3.6 |  | The SBL closes the entrance of Limfjorden, a deeply penetrating waterway which, in effect, makes northern Denmark an island. |
| 3.6 ( 3 |  |  |  |
| 8-11 | 15.83 |  | The system, from new point 8 (the Skaw, the northern point of Denmark), extends roughly parallel to the coast to a small group of islets (utilized in the previous system) and thence to the islet of Holm situated near the mainland. The system then joins with the following: |
| 11-12 | 15.43 |  |  |
| 12-14 | 17.00 |  | The SBL from points 14 through 16 closes the |
| 14-15 | . 1 |  | eastern entrance of the Limfjorden (see 6-7 above). |
| 15-16 | 1.7 |  | The deviation from the general direction of the coast is slight. |
|  |  | 50.06 |  |
| 17-18 | 4.6 |  | The southern element of this SBL closes the |


| Point | Length in n.m. <br> Sector <br> Total | Comments <br> $18-19$ |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |


| Point | Length in n.m. |  | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sector | Total |  |
| 43-44 | . 89 |  |  |
| 44-45 | . 48 |  |  |
|  |  | 3.72 |  |
| 46-47 | 2.55 |  | Points 46 through 56 define the limits of |
| 47-48 | 7.85 |  | Copenhagen roadstead. The maximum distance |
| 48-49 | 2.1 |  | from the nearest land is approximately 5 nautical |
| 50-51 | 3.35 |  | miles, north of Saltholm (island). Point 48 is on the |
| 51-52 | 1.12 |  | Swedish-Danish boundary through the Sound. |
| 52-53 | 1.36 |  |  |
| 53-54 | . 48 |  |  |
| 54-55 | 4.65 |  |  |
| 55-56 | 4.2 |  |  |
| 56-57 | 12.1 |  | Closes Køge Bugt, a juridical bay. |
|  |  | 39.76 |  |
| 58-59 | 17.2 | 17.2 | Closes Fakse Bugt, a juridical bay. |
| 60-61 | 14.45 |  | Closes Hjelm Bugt, not a juridical bay. |
| 61-62 | 17.75 |  | Encloses a coastal indentationof Falster. |
| 63-64 | 3.4 |  | Points 63 to 65 close off a coastal indentation |
| 64-65 | 12.7 | 48.30 | formed by Falster and Lolland and serves to tie the islands together. The indentation is not a bay. |
| 66-67 | 3.85 | 3.85 | Closes an unnamed juridical bay on Lolland. |
| 68-69 | 15.2 |  | Serves with the next segment to bind Lolland to |
| 69-70 | 11.4 |  | Sjaelland and to enclose a large body of water-Smaalamds Farvandet--which, while semicircular,cis not legally a bay. Geographically, the water is a sound. |
|  |  | 26.6 |  |
| 70-71 | 7.7 |  | Encloses Musholm Bugt, which is not a juridical bay, in combination with segment 71-72. |
| 71-72 | 2.5 | 10.2 |  |
| 72-73 | 10.21 |  | Encloses Jammerland Bugt, which is not a juridical bay. |
| 73-74 | 5.3 |  | Closes Kalunborg Fjord, a juridical bay. |
| 74-75 | 13.70 |  | The straight baseline 75-36 encloses a double- |
| 75-36 | 10.35 |  | mouthed, baylike water body. The separate mouths are formed by the island of Sejerø, situated roughly in the center. |
|  | Total | $\begin{gathered} 39.56 \\ 228.27 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| LAESØ |  |  |  |
| 76-77 | 9.1 |  | The straight baselines from 76 to 83 serve to tie the |
| 78-79 | 7.55 |  | island of Laesø to its adjacent instances, the shore |
| 80-81 | 4.15 |  | of Laesø forms the baseline (81-82 and 77-78). |


| Point | Length in n.m. | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sector Total |  |
| 81-82 | 1.20 | Laesø is situated 10 miles from the Jutland shore. |
| 82-83 | 6.1 |  |
| 83-76 | 1.1 |  |
|  | Total $\underline{\underline{29.20}}$ |  |
| CHRISTIANSØ |  |  |
| 85-86 | 1.310 meters | The straight baselines betweenpoints 84 and 96 |
| 86-87 | 70m | encircle the Christiansø group of islets and rocks. |
| 87-88 | 702m | The group is very small; the distances of the |
| 88-89 | 45m | straight baselines are in metres and not in nautical |
| 90-91 | 562m | miles. At the end of the group, the metres are |
| 91-92 | 940m | converted to nautical miles in the total. Christiansø |
| 92-93 | 170m | is situated between $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 05{ }^{\prime \prime}$ and $55^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 54{ }^{\prime \prime}$ North |
| 93-94 | 545m | and $15^{\circ} 10^{\prime} 18^{\prime \prime}$ and $15^{\circ} 11^{\prime} 54{ }^{\prime \prime}$ East, in the Baltic |
| 94-95 | 67m | Sea adjacent to Bornholm Island. |
| 95-96 | 65m |  |
| 96-84 | 30 m |  |
| Total 4,566m | 2.47 |  |
| Denmark Total | 415.85 |  |

## SUMMARY

The Danish straight baselines comprise 70 lines alternating with nearly two dozen normal coastline segments. The total length of the straight baselines is 415.85 nautical miles. The average SBL length is 5.83 nautical miles if the small Christiansø lines are included or 6.99 nautical miles if they are excluded. The longest SBL measures 21.81 nautical miles between points 37 and 38. The shortest, in the Christiansø group, measures a mere 30 meters. Elsewhere, the shortest segment is approximately .1 nautical miles long.

The effect of the 1978 revision of the original straight baseline system is twofold: 1) the northeastern coastal area of Jutland is enclosed within a single system from the Skaw, the northeastern point of Denmark, to south of the Lim Fjord and 2) the island of Hesselo is included within the Sjaelland system.

Denmark has applied an insular mainland concept in three instances: a) Sjaelland, b) Laesø, and c) Christiansø. In the case of Sjaelland, the effect is to leave the Store Baelt shipping passage as territorial waters rather than to include it within the internal waters of the state. Both Laesø and Christiansø are too far removed from the mainland to be included within the Jutland straight baseline system.

Denmark has signed and ratified the Geneva Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone.


