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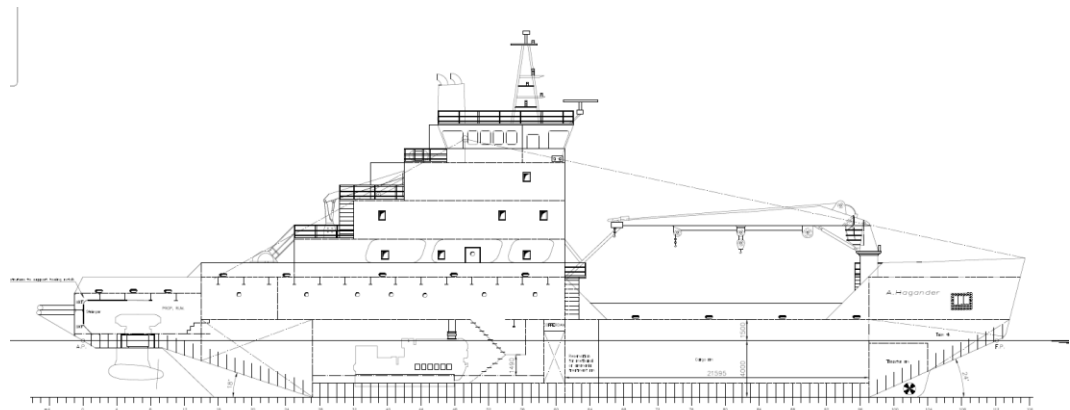
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National matters – Sweden

1. Design project for new maintenance vessels

In late Nov. the board of the Swedish Maritime Administration approved a project for designing new maintenance vessels. This is an important step toward the procurement of two vessels and an award of the contract possibly in 2027.



The new vessels will replace the over 40 years old vessels “Scandica” and “Baltica”, who served SMA well, and will like its predecessor be able to perform ice assistance in light to moderate conditions. A requirement for the new vessels will also be a capability to easily change from maintenance to surveying tasks if needed. The design will aim for future sustainable operation.

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2. Contract awarded for a new icebreaker

During 2025 the Swedish Maritime Administration awarded the contract for building of one new icebreaker to HD Hyundai Heavy Industries in Korea. The assignment of the contract has since the award been appealed and a legal process is now ongoing and SMA still awaits the result of this.



Yet another new icebreaker has got state funding, but will not be able to build within the already assigned contract. Thus, a new procurement has to be done for the second one.

3. Increasing reports of GNSS disturbance

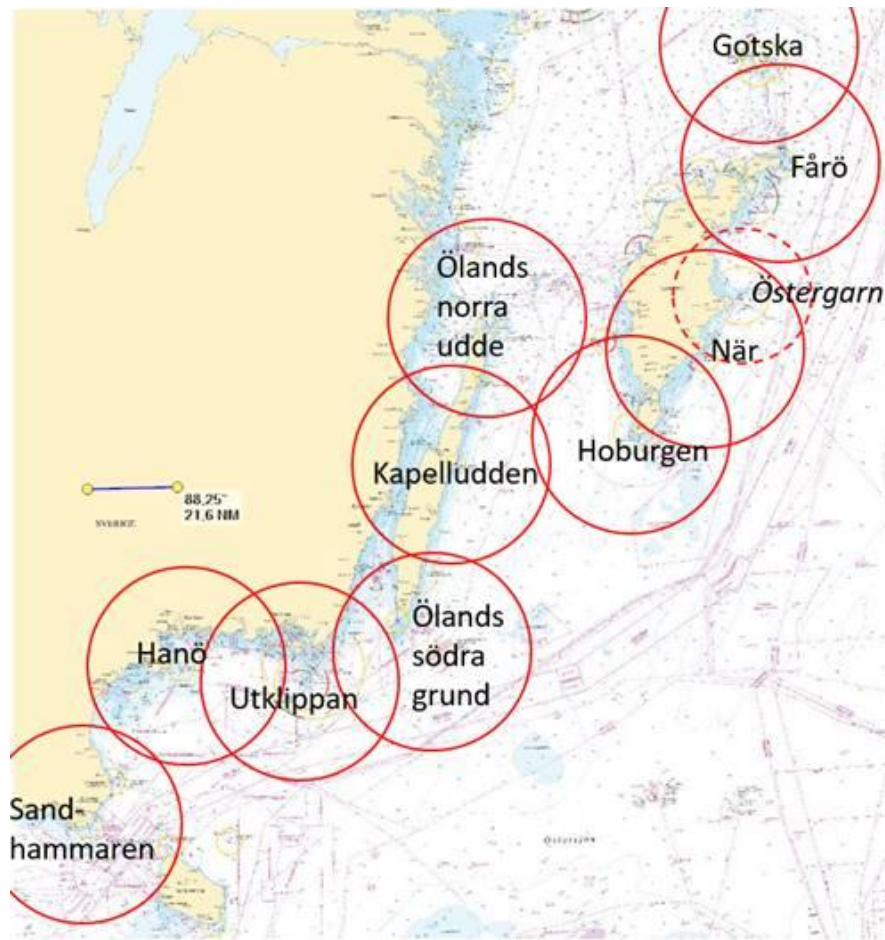
During 2025 there has been noted an increasing number of observations on GNSS disturbances in the Baltic Sea and an extended notice to mariners was issued in June to be aware and account for other means of positioning in the greater part of the Baltic Sea.

To support the seafarers with aids to locate their position when there is no GNSS position present a small project has started to establish radar beacons on tall Swedish coastal lighthouse in the south east of the Baltic. The idea to make these landmarks visible in the radar picture as the returning echo comes with an identity, and since the height of the lighthouses makes them visible before the shoreline is detectable. First unit will be installed in Dec, for testing the concept with around ten more planned to follow.

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Sweden is also actively taking part with three national partners in the second phase of R-Mode Baltic EU project called “ORMOBASS”, which aims to create a useable solution which can serve both as an onboard integrity solution for GNSS, but also as an intermediate fallback for positioning by its own.