

XIV. The local ship mail services

Outer coastal routes

S/S Carl (1876-1879):

A local ship mail service, sailed by S/S Carl, was set up to the outer fishing villages of West Finmark on July 1st 1876. The route was extended to Vadsø in Eastern Finmark during the winter months. This weekly year-round service was laid down in summer 1879



"Carl"
(NK 25)



"Carl 4-5"
(NK 25)

There exists three copies of this type of "Carl" pen manuscript, *i. e.* one in addition to the two copies shown

S/S Nordland (1880-1882):

In the subsequent years of 1880 to 1882 the steamer S/S Nordland sailed in a separate route to the outermost fishing villages of West Finmark during the fisheries from March to May



"Nordland"
15-5-80"
(NK 25)



"Nordland"
25-4-81"
(NK 25)



"D/S Nordland"
16-4-82"
(NK 36)

S/S Kong Eystein (1883):

In 1883, S/S Kong Eystein was introduced in a new mail-carrying route to the outermost fishing villages of West Finmark, to support the seasonal fisheries from March to May off the coast of Finmark. In the first year the captain used a private rubber stamp with text "Kong Eystein" supplemented with an additional date manuscript on the postage stamp, to cancel mail handed in on board the ship



"Kong Eystein"
(NK 22 x 3)



"Kong Eystein"
"2-5-83" (NK 27)



"Kong Ey(stein)"
"29-4-83" (NK 38)