

XIII. The regional ship mail services

The Nordland line

S/S Lindesnæs

Trondheim - Hammerfest 1860 - 1865

S/S Lindesnæs made altogether 11 trips in the Nordland line in 1864 and 1865



Letter of May 2, 1865, from Sørtjos to Hammerfest, handed in on S/S Lindesnæs on May 3, when the ship passed the calling place of Sørtjos on its 12th northbound trip from Tromsø; postage stamp with pen cross and cover with postal manuscript "Nordl 3/5". The letter has been irregularly handled by the sub-postmaster; since the letter was handed in within the jurisdiction area of Troms post district, the cover should have been marked with the ships name on the cover or directly on the postage stamp by a pen cross or in manuscript; the designation "Nord(land) 3/5" gives no meaning. The ship carried the "NORDLAND" type III date-stamp on this trip, however, this handstamp was not allowed to be used within the Troms post district

S/S Nordstjernen

Bergen - Hammerfest 1862 - 1863

The private BDS steamer "Nordstjernen" made two extra trips in the Nordland line in autumn 1862, and two extra trips in 1863, in order to clear cargo, however, the ship carried mail as well



"NORDLAND 14-10-1863" (type IV)
on 4 Sk Oscar made on "Nordstjernen"
1st northbound extra tour
from Trondheim to Hammerfest
in autumn 1863



"Nordstjernen 26-11"
in pen manuscript on 4 Sk Oscar
3rd southbound extra tour
from Hammerfest to Tromsø
in autumn 1863