Ultraflash: The Danish Flagged Merchant Fleet 2018

The Danish flagged merchant fleet is growing rapidly. Between January 2018 and November 2018, the Danish flagged merchant fleet has grown by 26 pct. making the Danish ship register the fastest growing register in the world.

- By November 2018, 708 merchant vessels with a total of 20.3 million gross tonnage are flying the Danish Flag.
- Since the beginning of 2018, the Danish flagged merchant fleet has grown by 4.3 million gross tonnage. This corresponds to a growth in the Danish flagged merchant fleet by 26 pct. measured in gross tonnage.
- The growth in the Danish flagged merchant fleet has been particularly significant over the past 20 years. Thus, in 1985 the size of the Danish flagged merchant fleet was 4.8 million gross tonnage. Just a bit more than the growth in 2018.
- Even though the Danish flagged merchant fleet has experienced growth for some time, the fleet has never been larger and never grown as fast as the past year.
- In an international perspective, the 2018 growth rate is outstanding as well. Thus, in 2018 no other ship register grew faster than the Danish ship register. On a second and third place is Taiwan growing 21 pct. and Belgium growing 12 pct., respectively.
- What lies behind the success? Commercially well-driven companies together with political backing and framework conditions that enable global competitiveness.

![Development in the Danish Flagged Merchant Fleet](image_url)

1 IHS Seaweb & Danish Shipping are the data source for all numbers and figures in this analysis.

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