



LNS JOTVINGIS (N42)

(Lithuanian Navy)
SNMCMG1 Flagship



Commissioned (for the Lithuanian Navy): 2006;

Vidar class minelayer;

Built in 1977 in Bergen, Norway as a minelayer and was named N52 "Vidar".

Dimensions:

Length – 64.8 meters;

Width – 12.0 meters;

Draught – 4.6 meters;

Tonnage – 1.750 tons;

Armament:

Two "Bofors" type 40 mm artillery guns;

MG3 machine guns;

Radio-electronic combat devices;

The crew is armed with G36C automatic rifles and pistols of GLOCK type;

Crew:

Up to 50 persons; The ship can accommodate up to 20 Staff personnel;

Propulsion:

Two 2100 HP engines of WICHMANN type (in total, 4 200 HP).

Maximum speed – 15 knots;

Mission:

To serve as a platform for the Staff during exercises and missions and to provide an all-purpose logistic support not only to the MCM ships but also to the entire Naval Flotilla.

Ship's name:

Lithuanian Navy ship (LNS) "Jotvingis" (Yotvingian) (N42) was named after the Baltic tribe of Yotvingians. This symbolizes historical roots of Lithuanian nation and the state. The Yotvingians lived in Yotvingia, which was situated in the current territories of Southern Lithuania, Eastern Poland and Western Byelorussia.

The Yotvingians were agriculturists' and warriors' tribe. It is said that Yotvingians did not avoid challenges. They were strong warriors and excellent military strategists.

Ship's history:

This ship was built as a minelayer in 1977 in the shipyard of "Mjellem and Karlsen" in Bergen, Norway and was named N52 "Vidar". After refit in 2000 the ship became a staff and support ship. In 2006 she was transferred to the Lithuanian Navy. Cherishing Lithuanian Navy traditions, to name naval ships after ethnographical groups that lived in historical Lithuanian regions, on the 4th of July 2006 she was renamed to "Jotvingis" (N42). The town of Druskininkai is the partner town of the LNS "Jotvingis" (N42). The official coat of arms of Druskininkai had been integrated to the crest of the ship.

Currently LNS "Jotvingis" (N42) is command and supply ship of the Mine Countermeasures (MCM) Squadron. She carries out patrol duties in territorial sea and exclusive economic zone, execute search and rescue tasks and other duties. As well the ship supports commanding staff based onboard in military exercises or operations, and provides supplies to units of the the naval flotilla.

„Jotvingis“ (N42) is a Vidar-class ship LNS "Jotvingis" (N42) belongs to Vidar-class ships. This type of ships is able to transport water, fuel, food and other supplies. Ships that take part in operations may replenish needed supplies at sea without returning to harbor. This enables to save fuel and time. Moreover, this ships are the ships where commanding staff is based during exercises or operations. Commanding staff coordinates actions and directs other ships taking part in operations.

International training and operations

LNS "Jotvingis" (N42) actively participates in various international mine clearance operations and exercises as: OPEN SPIRIT, BALTOPS, AMBER SEA, BALTIC FORTRESS, etc. Several times the ship has been assigned to the Baltic Naval Squadron (BALTRON) for the 6-month period.

LNS "Jotvingis" (N42) as well as MCM ships „Sūduvis“ (M52), „Skalvis“ (M53) and „Kuršis“ (M54) alternately take part in the Baltic Naval Squadron (BALTRON) and NATO Mine Countermeasures Group 1 (SNMCMG 1) activities in the North and Baltic Seas, as well as NATO Response force stand by duties.