

NORTHERN COASTS 2023

GERMAN NAVY

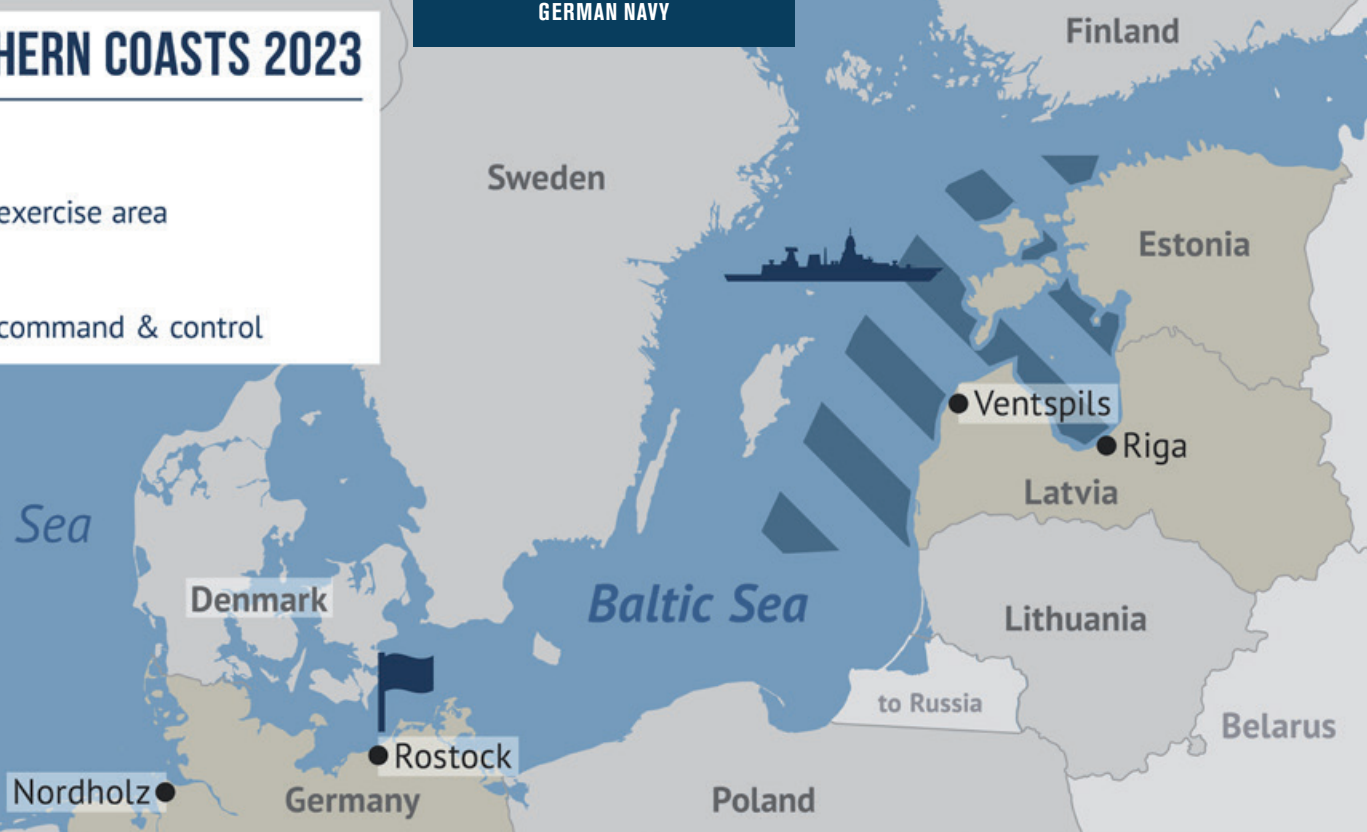


exercise area



command & control

North Sea



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KEY FACTS OF THE EXERCISE

gathering of exercise forces in Riga, Latvia: 8 September 2023
duration of the exercise: 11 to 22 September 2023

Participating nations 14

Participating forces
naval vessels: circa 30
aircraft: more than 10
sailors, marines and aviators: more than 3,000

Participating forces of the German Navy

- command & control staff in Rostock, Germany
- frigates, mine counter-measure vessels, submarine, supply vessels, maritime patrol aircraft, helicopters, naval infantry, NBC defence

Further participating forces of the German Armed Forces

Air Force, Army, Cyber and Information Domain Service

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BACKGROUND

The exercise Northern Coasts first took place in 2007 on the initiative of the German Navy. Since then, it has been scheduled annually by the German Chief of Navy.

Northern Coasts 2023 is the first time that the participants will exercise a scenario within the framework of alliance defence.

It is also the first time that the maritime command staff DEU MARFOR (German Maritime Forces) in Rostock has planned an exercise of this magnitude and is also controlling it from there.

The entire exercise force of Northern Coasts 2023 is led by Rear Admiral (lh) Stephan Haisch as the so-called Commander Task Force.

The exercise will take place in the central Baltic Sea off the coasts of Latvia and Estonia as well as on selected military training areas there. Latvia and Estonia are also providing logistical Host Nation Support for the exercise.

PARTICIPANTS AND AIMS

Participating forces of other navies

destroyers, frigates, corvettes, mine counter-measure vessels, amphibious vessels, supply vessels, maritime patrol aircraft, helicopters, naval infantry, national guard

NATO Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (Maritime) (VJTF (M))

- Standing NATO Maritime Group 1 (SNMG 1) (commanded by German Rear Admiral (lh) Thorsten Marx)
- Standing NATO Mine Countermeasures Group 1 (SNMCMG 1)

Training objectives of the exercise

- defence against threats on, above and under water as well as against land-based threats
- securing of sea lines of communication
- integration of NATO's Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (Maritime) (VJTF (M))