Maritime Security in the Baltic Sea: Current Challenges
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Swedish-Finnish Naval Co-operation in the Baltic Sea: Motives, Prospects and Challenges
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The New US Maritime Strategy: Implications for the Baltic Sea region
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Maritime security as a concept

• Recent cross-sectoral maritime security strategies focus on:
  • Protection of national interests
  • Maritime resource extraction
  • Maritime trade flows
  • Maritime Governance

but they also involve:

• Traditional sea power conceptions
The US Maritime Security Strategy

- Systemic thinking → Maritime Governance
- China: the dimensioning threat
- Combined use of MLE and Naval assets
- EEZ: subject to national jurisdiction or FON?
- Incidents might lead to military escalation
- ”A2/AD” > versus < ”All Domain Access”?
The Baltic Sea:
- is arguably an ‘EU Mare Nostrum’
- but also
- of key importance to Russia
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Baltic Sea Exploration

Wind power
Baltic Sea Exploration

Wind power & Oil & Cables & Pipelines

Source: ABB
Exploration: Risks from military activities

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Russian conduct: inducing maritime insecurity
The Russian interference with the *NordBalt* project

Source: Svenska Krafträtet
Maritime Security in the Baltic Sea is built through regional co-operation
The Swedish Finnish Naval Task Group

CTG

Staff Element

TU Surface Warfare
TU Mine Counter Measures
TU Amphibious
Logistic Element
Conclusion

• Maritime Security: Increasingly important
• Maritime Safety considerations are superimposed by Russian challenging and aggressive military conduct
• Air or maritime accidents could escalate into military violence
• Building Maritime Security in the Baltic Sea region requires a co-operative and comprehensive effort in which the navies are assigned leading roles