

Viking longship makes historic comeback

The *Sea Stallion*, the biggest replica Viking vessel ever built, is nearing Dublin after completing the first half of a two-year round trip from Denmark. The voyage, across some of the world's roughest waters, aims to better understand how the Vikings managed to travel so far and wide

SEA STALLION FROM GLENDALOUGH:

Replica of ***Skuldelev 2*** – built in Glendalough, Ireland, in 1042, when many Vikings lived in Ireland. Ship used in battle against Saxons and Normans

GPS satellite navigation

Mast: 14.5m

Sail: 112sq/m

Length: 30m

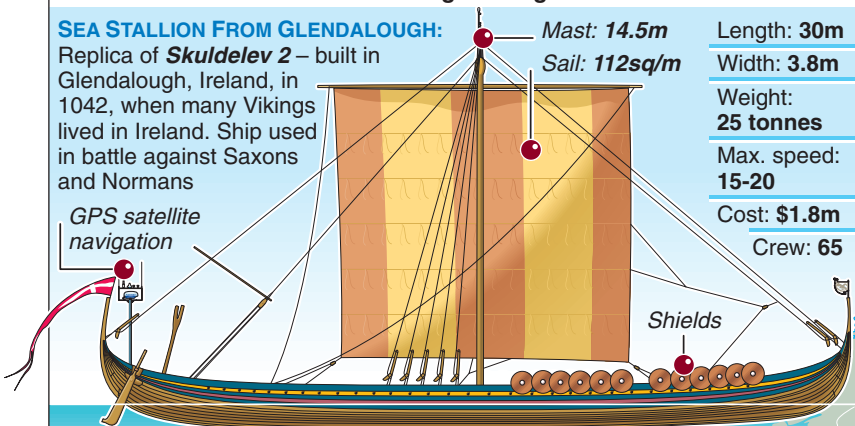
Width: 3.8m

Weight:
25 tonnes

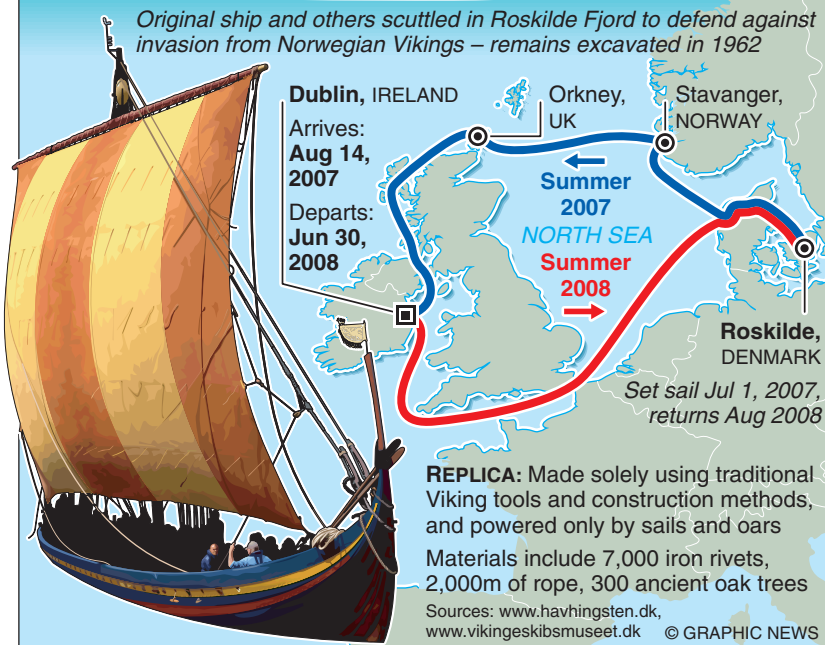
Max. speed:
15-20

Cost: \$1.8m

Crew: 65



Original ship and others scuttled in Roskilde Fjord to defend against invasion from Norwegian Vikings – remains excavated in 1962



Dublin, IRELAND

Arrives:
Aug 14,
2007

Departs:
Jun 30,
2008

Orkney,
UK

Stavanger,
NORWAY

Summer
2007

NORTH SEA
Summer
2008

Roskilde,
DENMARK

Set sail Jul 1, 2007,
returns Aug 2008

REPLICA: Made solely using traditional Viking tools and construction methods, and powered only by sails and oars

Materials include 7,000 iron rivets,
2,000m of rope, 300 ancient oak trees

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www.vikingeskibsmuseet.dk

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