



# JOHN NURMINEN FOUNDATION

The John Nurminen Company was founded in Rauma in 1886. The John Nurminen Foundation was established on the initiative of John Nurminen Company and was entered into the foundation register in 1992. The aim of the John Nurminen Foundation is to maintain the cultural heritage and traditions of Finnish seafaring. The Foundation has two key areas of operation: **history** and **protection of the marine environment**.



*The Baltic Sea. Louis Renard, 1715. Juba Nurminens collection.*

## Maritime history

The Foundation is focused on the history of seafaring, exploration and cartography. This is supported by the Foundation's collection of art, ancient maps and maritime antiques. The Foundation publishes books, arranges exhibitions and lends its material to national and international exhibitions.

The Foundation has published 15 books related to maritime history. The objective has been to provide high-quality publications that combine the advantages of non-fiction and art books. The picture compilation process was an exceptional effort, and the Foundation successfully obtained unique image material for the books. The Foundation's books have a scientific but easy-to-approach content. All book published by the John Nurminen Foundation have excellent print quality, and a number of language versions are available. *The History of Seafaring - Navigating the World's Oceans* is the newest book, which has also gained international recognition.

The long-term exhibition operations of the John Nurminen Foundation have already become a concept. The Foundation aims for high visitor volumes, instead of small groups of experts only. Exhibitions have been implemented side-by-side with the latest book projects and in cooperation with several museums. This has

turned out to be a functional way of further deepening the message conveyed by a book and an exhibition. Combining exhibitions and books thematically has also aimed at bringing the Foundation's collections to public attention. The Foundation has exhibited authentic artefacts that the public at large wouldn't otherwise see.

## Marine Environment

The goal of environmental work carried out by the John Nurminen Foundation is to reduce the eutrophication of the Baltic Sea, and to promote Baltic Sea environment-related awareness. The *Clean Baltic Sea* project was started in 2005, and it reached an important milestone when St. Petersburg's largest wastewater treatment plant – processing half of the city's sewage – introduced an efficient phosphorus removal method on 1 October 2007. Tarja Halonen, the President of Finland and the project's patron, participated in the opening ceremony of the new method.

As the final touches are being added to the project in St. Petersburg, the John Nurminen Foundation and the Swedish Björn Carlson's Foundation Baltic Sea 2020 have together started preparing a new project in Poland. The project will deal with sewage treatment plants, and its objective is to achieve an extensive reduction in phosphorus emissions.

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