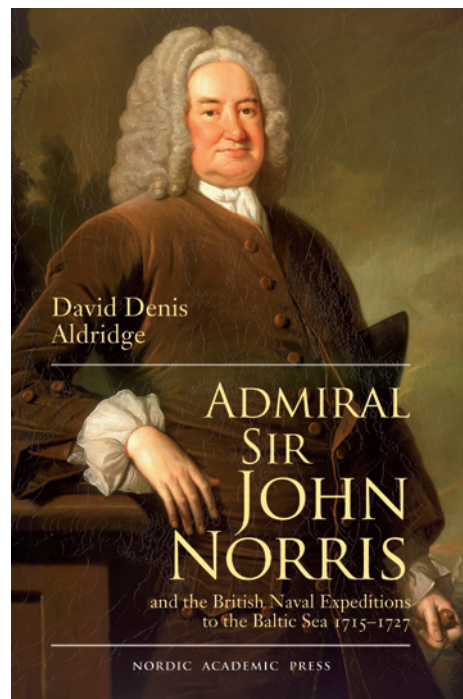


Admiral Sir John Norris and the British Naval Expeditions to the Baltic Sea 1715-1727

Admiral Sir John Norris one of the less well-known British Admirals; nevertheless, he is a fascinating and important man. Norris commanded British expeditions in the Baltic Sea in 1715–1727, nearly a hundred years before Horatio Nelson sailed these waters. Norris led the expeditions during the critical final years of the Great Northern War. The British naval presence in the Baltic did not result in any spectacular battles, but it was important for Britain's diplomacy and trade with the powers around the Baltic seaboard.

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