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TransAtlantic's icebreakers are called in for icebreaking in Baltic Sea

The Swedish Maritime Administration, SMA, has drafted two of TransAtlantic's offshore/icebreaker vessels, Tor Viking and Balder Viking, for icebreaking assignment in the Baltic Sea. The vessels will be equipped with detachable towing notches in Landskrona and are expected to be in the Baltic Sea area by the middle of next week.

The last time one of TransAtlantic's vessels was drafted for an icebreaking assignment was winter 2007 when Tor Viking spent a month breaking ice.

TransAtlantic has a long-term contract with the SMA, which entails that the vessels must be available during the first quarter of the year as required and within ten days for icebreaking in the Baltic Sea. In return, Transatlantic receives an annual basic fee, regardless of whether icebreaking is conducted or not. If icebreaking is conducted, the fee is increased. The contract expires in 2015, with an option to extend for an additional 15 years.

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