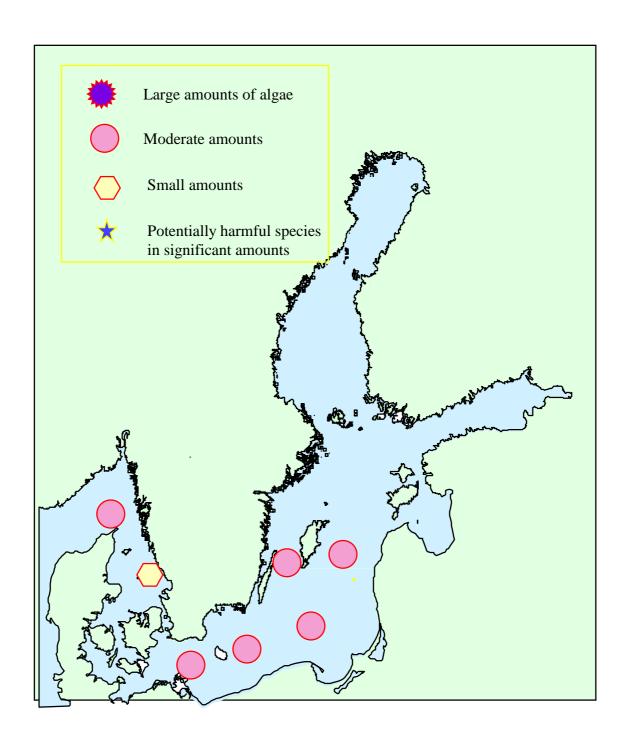


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OVERVIEW





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DETAILS

* POTENTIALLY HARMFUL SPECIES

Sampling in the Skagerrak, the Kattegat and the Baltic Sea

SKAGERRAK

Station Å17, 2 OCTOBER

Chlorophyll in the upper 10 meters about 3 mg/m³.

Small flagellates, including Cryptophyceans dominated. Ceratium species relatively common. Diatoms of the genera Chaetoceros, Cerataulina, Leptocylindrus, Pseudo-nitzschia, Proboscia, Rhizosolenia and Thalassiosira present. Small amounts of the potentially toxic dinoflagellates Dinophysis acuta* and Gymnodinium mikimotoii*.

Top 5
Monads andFlagellates
Cerataulina pelagica
Cryptophyceans
Chaetoceros subtilis
Guinardia delicatula

KATTEGAT

Station Anholt E, 3 OCTOBER

Chlorophyll in the upper 10 meters about 2 mg/m³.

Small flagellates and cryptophyceans, dominated. Among dinoflagellates, Ceratium fusus was the most common, but other Ceratium species also present. Diatoms common with a comlete dominance of Cerataulina pelagica, about 0.5 million cells/l. The genera Chaetoceros, Leptocylindrus, Pseudonitzschia, Proboscia and Rhizosolenia also present. density of Proboscia alata. Small amounts of the potentially toxic genera Dinophysis *.

Top 5
Small flagellates
Cerataulina pelagica
Pseudo-nitzschia pungens
Cryptophyceans
Chrysochromulina spp.



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BALTIC SEA

Arkona basin. Station BY2, 4 OCTOBER

Chlorophyll in the upper 10 meters about 2 mg/m³.

Cryptophyceans, with Teleaulax sp. and Plagioselmis sp. dominated with about 250 000 cells/l. Other small speceis like Pyramimonas sp., Chrysochromulina spp*. and Heterocapsa rotundata also common. Larger speceis, i.e. Aphanizomenon sp. ("baltica"), Nodularia spumigena*, Dinophysis acuminata*, Chaetoceros impressus and Coscinodiscus commutatus present in very small amounts.

Top 5
Teleaulax sp.
Plagioselmis sp.
Pyramimonas spp.
Chrysochromulina spp.*
Heterocapsa rotundata

Bornholm basin. Station BY5, 30 AUGUST

Chlorophyll in the upper 10 meters 2-3 mg/m³. Very similar to BY2, with the addition of small amounts of Actinocyclus octonarius and Coscinodiscus granii.

Top 5
Plagioselmis spp.
Teleaulax sp.
Pyramimonas spp.
Chrysochromulina spp.*
Heterocapsa rotundata

Southeast Baltic, Station BCS III 10, 4 OCTOBER

Chlorophyll in the upper 10 meters about 2 mg/m³.

Very similar to BY5, but somewhat more species. Diatoms like Skeletonema costatum, Thalassiosira sp., Chaetoceros danicus, C. impressus and Cyclotella sp. present in small amounts. Few colonies of the blue-green Woronichinia spp. and single cells of Dinophysis acuminata*.

Top 5
Pyramimonas spp.
Thalassiosira sp.
Plagioselmis sp.
Teleaulax spp.



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Heterocapsa rotundata

Eastern Gotland basin, Station BY15, 5 OCTOBER

Chlorophyll in the upper 10 meters about 2 mg/m³. Similar to BCS III 10, but poorer. Dominance of small flagellates and a few large diatoms.

Top 5
Pyramimonas spp.
Plagioselmis spp.
Teleaulax spp.
Heterocapsa rotundata
Chaetoceros impressus

Western Gotland basin, Station BY38, 31 AUGUST

Chlorophyll in the upper 10 meters about 2 mg/m³. Similar to BY15. Again dominance of small flagellates and a few large diatoms. Single filaments of Aphanizomenon sp. ("baltica") observed.

Top 5
Plagioselmis spp.
Pyramimonas spp.
Chrysochromulina spp.*
Teleaulax spp.
Eutreptiella sp.

This report is based on quantitative samples between 0 and 10 m. Chlorophyll values are rough estimates by the fluorescense profiling.

FORECAST

The flora is turning to an autumn. Harmful algae may develop in the Skagerrak-Kattegat. In the Baltic harmful blooms are not likely to develop.