Vladimirovich Kanaev, first-class specialist at the RSFSR Ministry of River Shipping, was in command of the vessel during the experimental voyage.

After consultations with the shipping line, the voyage continued. Previously, shallow-draught seagoing vessels would take on cargo from large-capacity river ships at the estuary of the Kolyma river and deliver it to the port of Zelenyi Mys, where it was again reloaded onto river vessels for eventual delivery to the population in the upper course of the Kolyma. After unloading at Zelenyi Mys, the "Kurgan" filled its holds with some fifteen hundred tons of fresh vegetables that it had received at sea from the "Kapitan Danilkin" of the Murmansk shipping line, and already on September 9th it delivered a load to Srednekolymsk. A few days later, the "Kurgan" delivered the remainder of the vegetables to Zyryanka.

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