

Northern Navigation Season Ends

The last cargo ship for this year has passed through the White/Baltic Sea Canal, the principal water route of the North. Navigation has ended.

For the first time in the history of the canal, a powerful icebreaker and two ocean-going tugs were dispatched here to provide sure escort for the fleet. This assistance made it possible to over fulfill the navigation plan by allowing several hundred more ships to pass through.

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Wasteful Use of Containers

The Academician Fedorov Polar Hydrometeorological Observatory is situated on the northernmost point of our country, Cape Chelyuskin. Approximately 150 persons live and work here with their families. For many, Cape Chelyuskin is becoming their usual home since the majority of these polar residents spend ten winters or more here. But the time has now come to return to the "mainland", and problems arise with the shipping of personal belongings, household appliances, books, etc. Sending them as parcels is costly and inconvenient, and taking them along is simply impossible since the only form of transport we have is helicopters and airplanes.

In August-September of each year, a supply ship from Arkhangelsk brings us equipment and provisions for the observatory's normal operations.