

Sea trials to determine the ship's operational performance and manoeuvrability were conducted in the Gulf of Finland and gave satisfactory results.

Ahead are trials to test the ship's capabilities in ice. These will be conducted this summer in the Soviet Arctic by Soviet and Finnish specialists.

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Anxious Days in Labytnangi

The importance of the Labytnangi port in the freight system for the entire Ob-Irtysh Basin cannot be underestimated: it is, after all, the shortest route for delivering freight to the gas field workers of the Yamal Peninsula and to construction workers, geologists and oil workers of the Tyumen northland.

Hundreds of thousands of tons of the most diverse cargo flow into the river wharfs of the Northern Railway Line. For many years the port and railway workers of the Labytnangi Transport Centre have coordinated their work in accordance with a "temporary agreement". These workers concluded a similar agreement this year as well, but this one included what is frankly an ultimatum from the administration of the Northern Railway Line.