

continent, delivering over 80 scientists and specialists, 1 500 tonnes of various equipment and gear. There was also cargo aboard the vessel addressed to the stations run by Poland and East Germany.

The voyage takes almost three months. The crew, headed by captain M. Kaloshin and training captain F. Pes'yakov, are covering a considerable area of water in these high cold expanses for a series of USSR scientific centres and those of fraternal socialist countries. They have already visited the Druzhnaya seasonal geological and geophysical base on the shore of the Weddell Sea. They have put ashore part of its personnel and delivered a consignment of its freight. At times during their voyage, they have worked under difficult weather conditions.

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Soviet Research Vessel Completes Antarctic Studies

The Murmansk-based scientific research vessel was working in the sixth continent as part of the programme of the 34th Soviet Antarctic Expedition. For over a month, specialists have been conducting a series of research projects studying the ocean bed. The data they have collected will add to the scientific knowledge we already have about the