

short Arctic navigation season. As a result they received tens of thousands of rubles of additional profit.

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Learning From Their Mistakes

The USSR Ministry of the Maritime Fleet has taken stock of the 1988 arctic navigation season. N. Tsakh, head of the Main Administration for the Dry-Cargo Fleet, spoke to our correspondent, S. Parshikov, on the significance of these results.

N. Ts.: This year's freight shipment plan in the Arctic Basin was fulfilled by 102.5%, for dry freight by 102.5%, and for oil freight by 101.6%. However there was a decline in the volume of the arctic shipments in comparison with last year's results.

The basic conclusion is that due to ice conditions, the last navigation season in the eastern arctic was one of the worst in recent years. Due to prolonged and adverse winds, the northern coast of the Chukchi Peninsula was completely blocked by consolidated perennial ice. The area of the ice mass in Long Strait in July-August twice exceeded the norm. On the leg between Cape Billings and Kolyuchin Island, icebreaker assistance was required throughout the entire navigation season.