

operations are continuing. The instructors Jan Lorentsen and Norvald Cherstad from the maritime college in the Norwegian city of Tromso came to Murmansk and then travelled the route from Murmansk to Dikson and back aboard the motorships "Aleksandr Nevskii" and "Emelyan Pugachev".

This was the first voyage by foreign seamen on the western sector of the Northern Sea Route.

In Murmansk the Norwegian specialists learned about the organizing of freight operations in the port, the planning of shipping on the Northern Sea Route and the concept for its development. During the voyage itself they did duty on the bridge and in the engine room together with the Soviet sailors, studied the system of communications between transport ships, icebreakers and the shore, and familiarized themselves with navigational aids, the organization of rescue operations in the Arctic and many other issues essential for a full understanding of navigation on the Northern Sea Route.

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Finns Refuse to Accept the Nuclear Powered Icebreaker  
"Vaigach" for Guaranteed Repairs

(Question)

"Recently you reported on a visit by the nuclear powered icebreaker 'Vaigach' to the Norwegian city of Tromso. But if our arctic nuclear powered vessels are so safe and harmless, why are they refusing to accept them for 'guaranteed' repairs in Finland, as was reported by the program '120 Minutes'?"

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