

Today the nuclear-powered icebreaker "Lenin" has also been retired. But the people of the north are certain they will soon see a new ship bearing the name of the leader of the proletariat. They have appealed to the appropriate authorities to give this name to one of the icebreakers currently under construction.

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Icebreaker Undergoes Modifications and Sea Trials

A photograph in the 12 April edition of "Vodnyi transport" shows the icebreaker "Kapitan Nikolaev" of the Murmansk Maritime Steamship Line and the unusually full, rounded lines at the bow.

The replacement of the ship's pointed bow section was carried out at the New Wharf in Helsinki by A/O Masa yards.

Another innovation are the ice-deflecting yards installed on the icebreaker's bottom to help keep the channel clearer. A cathode protection system has been added and repairs were carried out on the hull and mechanical systems.

Merely as a result of the new and effective bow configuration (the ship's) ice penetration specification increases from 1.6 to 2 meters while other specifications were maintained or improved.