

the arrival of the ships of the 34-th SAE (before us the diesel-electric ships "Akademik Fedorov" and the "Mikhail Somov" had visited here) a group of participants in the expedition had been transferred here by aircraft. In November the group demothballed the small scientific city and set about making the first observations.

In searching for a suitable "harbor" they selected Tyuleniy Bay, located 80 kilometers to the west of Druzhnaya-3. Only there could the ship make fast near the glacial barrier, which was about six meters high. This allowed the Il-14 and An-2 aircraft, two Mi-8 helicopters, and a series of supplies to be transferred to shore. Working under difficult navigation conditions they carried out their first transport operation during a period of ten days.

The crews of the three ships transferred to the base personnel the necessary aviation technology, sufficient reserves of supplies, provisions, fuel... Thanks to this, almost 130 scientists and specialists were able to accomplish their seasonal combined geological-geophysical and other research operations.

The "Vitus Bering" resumed navigation in the waters of the high cold latitudes. They sailed a course in the Sea of Concord. One more large transportation operation is being carried out there at the Druzhnaya-4 seasonal geological base and at the Progress permanent station. Ahead are encounters with ships of the expedition and maritime geophysical investigations in the Southern Ocean.

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