

Navigation began several days earlier than usual on this great Siberian river. Vessels with the first cargoes will soon depart from the wharves of the Omsk freight port. They will carry slag, crushed stone and sand to different parts of the Omsk Region. In mid May, motor vessels will leave the Omsk port with cargoes for the oil-industry workers of the Tyumenian North.

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Through the Ice To the Yamal Region

Led by the nuclear-powered "Rossiya" and "Artika", a convoy of ships have unloaded their cargoes off the shores of the Yamal Peninsula. Altogether twelve thousand tonnes of reinforced concrete products, piping and building materials intended for the construction of the surface facilities of the Bovanenko gas-condensate field have now been delivered to the Arctic.

This time the Yamal shipping season was opened by two cargo ships, the "Monchegorsk" and the "Tiksi". Between Murmansk and Amderma the convoy moved through more or less open water and it was only when they reached the Yugorskii-Shar Strait that the ships were held up by heavy ice.

Several days later the convoy reached Yamal. At the mouth of the Mordyyakha River, sub-contracting organizations of the "Severgazprom" Association and the "Urengoigazpromstroi" Trust prepared an ice mooring and