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Yachts on the North Sea Route (1)

The expedition along the Northern Sea Route of the yachts "Yakutsk" and "Aivengo" is continuing. The Izvestiya correspondent participating in the expedition, Captain Borodin of the "Aivengo", reported before sailing:

"This is the second voyage of the Yakutsk yachtmen in the eastern sector of the Arctic. Last year, also under the sponsorship of Izvestiya, we - traveling on the yacht "Yakutsk" - visited the Novosibirskie Islands, reaching the 76th parallel of latitude. The participants of the expedition want to accomplish several tasks. First of all, they want to study the problems facing the population of the Yakut Republic in connection with the intensive industrial development going on in the region's northern districts. We are also trying to shed light on the secret of the food caches established in the Novosibirskie Islands in the past century by the Russian polar explorer E. Toll for the expedition of the Norwegian scientist and explorer F. Nansen, and also of those caches that were already in place at the beginning of the century for E. Toll, also on the islands of this archipelago.

Then we shall continue our voyage eastward to the shores of Chukotka and on to the Bering Strait.

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