

### Ships Have Started Plying the Yenisey

Krasnoyarsk. Navigation on the Yenisey River has begun a week earlier than usual. Scores of ships -- passengers, cargo tugs -- have begun plying the traditional routes on this Siberian river. Their crews are already supplying the enterprises of Krasnoyarsk Krai with badly needed cargo. The first barges carrying roundwood have been towed from their moorings at the Pridivinskiy Timber Industry Enterprise to the Krasnoyarsk Pulp and Paper Plant, where the reserves of raw material have long since been depleted. Shipment of rafts from riverside timber industry enterprises to the woodworking enterprises of Lesosibirsk began almost at the same time. And since the second half of April, river transport workers have also begun transporting tie and lumber products to the Krasnoyarsk Lumber Transshipment Complex.

"The beginning of spring was very warm on the Yenisey," noted V. Rukosuyev, the director of Yenisey steamship navigation traffic and transport services. "We have put a large part of the fleet into operation, and exceeded our plan for April. We shipped 1.2 million tonnes of national economic cargo and earned a profit of almost 2.9 million roubles. Ships' crews and longshoremen quickly began preparing cargo for delivery up the tributaries of the Yenisey; based on forecasts, they assumed the smaller rivers would open up earlier too. But unfortunately the forecasts were not accurate. The cold weather arrived again, along with snow and frosts. To avoid lost time, we had to change our tactics quickly, and now we are actively loading diesel ships for delivery of cargo to the Bol'shoy Pit, Podkammenaya Tunguska and Vel'mo Rivers."