

vessels, gantry-cranes have to be moved to a safe location and railway and crane tracks must be covered with slabs of reinforced concrete in order to prevent their being destroyed by the flood. The last convoy is scheduled to leave Dudinka on 20 May unless the ice on the Yenisei breaks up sooner.

The summer navigation season has begun on the White Sea route. The dockers at the Kandalaksh commercial sea port received the first motor ship of the "river-sea" class, the "Volgo-Balt-15", which delivered a cargo of coal to the port.

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The Ship Convoys have Left

It took the icebreaker "Moskva" four days to clear a channel for the motor ship "Vasilii Burkhanov" through a 180-mile stretch of ten-point ice. On board the ship were hundreds of heavy containers of cement for northern construction projects.

Following the first convoy of ships, the diesel ship "Vasilii Golovnin" broke through the ice and approached the port's mooring ropes in the morning. Thus began, two weeks earlier than last year, the operations of the transoceanic container line, linking "Vladivostok, Vanino and Nakhodka with ports in the eastern part of the Chukchi Peninsula.

The express delivery by Far Eastern seamen was quickly unloaded by local longshoremen. The