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Russia's Icebreaker Sets New Speed Record for Reaching North Pole



Making the journey from Murmansk to the North Pole in 79 hours, Russia's nuclear icebreaker, *50 Let Pobedy*, set a new speed record. Reaching the North Pole at 0233 hours on August 17, 2017, *50 Let Pobedy* undertook the voyage to commemorate the historic voyage by the earlier record-setter, *Arktika*.

The previous record was set in 1977 by the icebreaker *Arktika*. *50 Let Pobedy* smashed the record by completing the journey in half as much time as *Arktika*. What was special about the memorial voyage was that out of the 100 people on the vessel, some members were from the original 1977 voyage that was completed by *Arktika*. The expedition brought about several matters for discussion including year-round navigation along the Northern Sea Route and what may be done with the already decommissioned *Arktika*. There is a chance that the vessel, built in 1975, will be on display in a museum.

"The key task of the conference is to try to understand whether it is economically worth to develop year-round navigation along the entire Northern Sea Route," the 2017 voyage leader, Director General of the nuclear fleet authority, Atomflot, Vyacheslav Ruksha told Russian news agency TASS. He further went on to say, "Our veterans have mastered the Kara Sea, and it has become obvious to everyone that nuclear-powered icebreakers are capable of ensuring stable, sustainable year-round navigation." To celebrate the record, there will be a ceremony and the Russian flag will be planted.

Ex-Enterprise CVN 65 planned \$500-mil scrapping project reached record setting \$1-bil cost

The General Accounting Office has prepared a report on the cost of scrapping the aircraft carrier and recycling the "propulsions space section" with disposal at the Department of Energy's Hanford low-level radioactive waste disposal site in the state of Washington. The report asks the Navy to present clearer information on the

disposal processes which are pending.

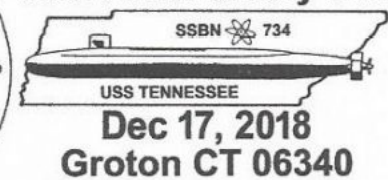


One plan calls for private companies to dispose of the entire ship, including the population space section. Another plan would have the Puget Sound Navy Yard dismantle the entire ship and propulsion space section for removal to Hanford WA with. Final decisions on which plan to follow are pending cost reviews.

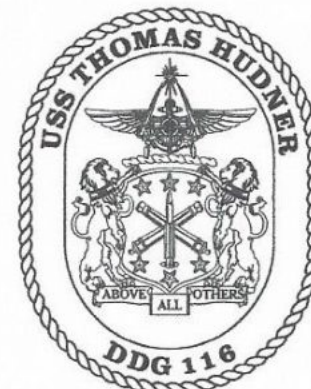
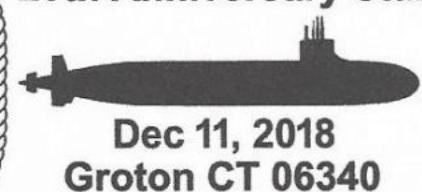
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