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Russian Navy commissions latest icebreaker *Ilya Muromets*



Photo: Admiralty Shipyards

Though it is likely to remain the only vessel in its class due to high construction costs, *Ilya Muromets* is the first icebreaker built for the Russian Navy in 40 years. The vessel started construction on April 23, 2015 and was launched on June 10, 2016. It was commissioned into the Russian Navy's Northern Fleet where it will be used to support the activities of the Arctic Group of the Russian Navy. In addition to ice-breaking activities, the vessel is capable of carrying out hydrographic and hydrometeorological research. *Ilya Muromets* is 85 meters long and 20 meters wide with a draft of 6.8 meters. It displaces 6000 tons and is crewed by 39 people. According to the shipbuilder, the icebreaker can stay at sea for two months.

Royal Navy's Biggest-Ever Warship, HMS Queen Elizabeth, Commissioned in Portsmouth

December 7, 2017 by gCaptain - Royal Navy handout via REUTERS



The Royal Navy's aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth is docked the day it was commissioned by Britain's Queen Elizabeth in Portsmouth, December 7, 2017. The UK's biggest and most-advanced aircraft carrier, *HMS Queen Elizabeth*, was commissioned into the Royal Navy on Thursday by Her Majesty the Queen during a ceremony at

the Portsmouth Naval Base, in Portsmouth, England. During the ceremony, Queen Elizabeth spoke before the ship's Commanding Officer, Captain Jerry Kyd, read the commissioning warrant and the White Ensign was raised, symbolizing the commissioning of the country's future flagship into the Royal Navy fleet.

Not how you want to see your Pacific fleet

From gCaptain blog 12/12/17



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A rather extraordinary sight to behold in Tokyo Bay as the U.S. Navy's two damaged destroyers, the *USS John S. McCain* and *USS Fitzgerald*, met for the first time since they were involved in separate fatal collisions with merchant ships over the summer. The *USS John S. McCain* had just arrived from the Philippines aboard Dockwise's heavy lift vessel *MV Treasure* when it happened to rendezvous with the *USS Fitzgerald*, loaded aboard Dockwise's *MV Transhelf*, at an anchorage near the U.S. Navy's Fleet Activities Yokosuka base in Yokosuka, Japan. The *USS John S. McCain* was arriving in Japan to undergo repairs following its collision with a merchant tanker off the coast of Singapore in August. Meanwhile, the *USS Fitzgerald* was awaiting her departure for Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi, where the destroyer will undergo repairs to fix the damage following a collision with a merchant containership off the coast of Japan this past June.

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