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## In Brief

### NEW RIVER ICEBREAKER FROM WÄRTSILÄ

The river icebreaker *Kapitan Moshkin*, ordered by V/O Sudoimport in 1984 from the Finnish shipbuilders Wärtsilä, was delivered in May 1986 for service in Soviet rivers. Belonging to a class that is already operating successfully in Siberia, the ship is designed for operations down to  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$ , with a draft of 2.5 m and retractable masts and aerials for passing under bridges. Three diesel-electric motors with output 4815 kW [6650 hp] provide power for four electrically-driven four propellers; shaft output is 3800 kW [5170 hp], and *Kapitan Moshkin's* bow is fitted with Wärtsilä's patented air bubbling system for reducing ice resistance. The ship has accommodation for a crew of 25. (Source: Wärtsilä news release, May 1986.)

