

Record number of trips this year along Northern Sea Route



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There were a record number of trips this year that sailed on the Northern Sea Route along the Siberian coast.

Analysis by the Centre for High North Logistics (CHNL) at Norway's Nord University Business School showed there were 62 transits through the Northern Sea Route in the period to December 9th, up from 37 for the whole of 2019. Sergey Balmasov with CHNL told *Reuters* that "this year is considered to be the highest number of the full transit voyages", adding that "we see favourable ice conditions in this navigation season as one of the reasons for the growth."

The number of ships using the route in 2020 so far rose to 331 vessels, up from 277 for the whole of 2019, CHNL data showed.



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