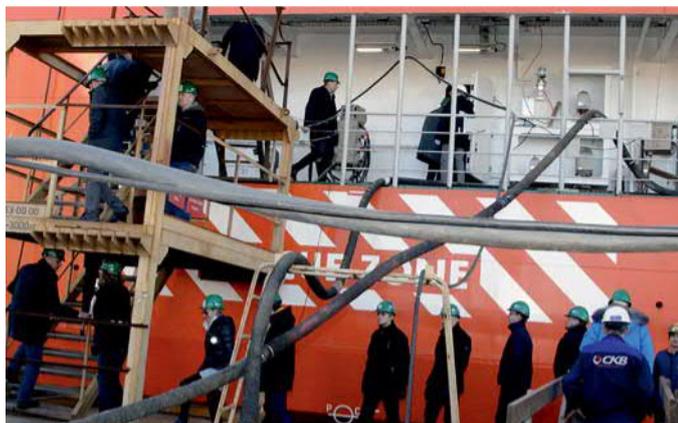


Exploring Vyborg



Vyborg is a small appealing town in north-western Russia, near the border of Finland. It was founded in 1293 by the Swedish King Torkel Knutsson and has since jumped back and forth between being part of Sweden, Finland and Russia.

Last October, Aker Arctic staff boarded the comfortable Allegro train at Helsinki Railway Station for the 300-kilometre long trip to explore Vyborg.

The favourite activities of visitors are exploring the medieval castle of Vyborg, which has survived many wars, and walking around the cobblestone streets in the old part of the town. Many Finns have their roots in the region, that historically had a large Finnish population, but were expelled after Stalin took over the town in 1944.

Apart from being a beautiful town, Vyborg is an important rail junction and port in Gulf of Finland, and hosts Aker Arctic's valuable cooperation partner, Vyborg Shipyard.

Vyborg Shipyard PJSC is one of the largest shipbuilding companies of the north-western Region of Russia. It was founded in 1948 and has since built more than 200 different vessels with a total displacement of over 1,550,000 t. In the last 20 years, the company has taken

Recent Aker Arctic designed vessels constructed at Vyborg Shipyard include icebreakers Aleksandr Sannikov, Andrey Vilkitsky and Ob.

a leading position in civil shipbuilding. The priorities of its activity are construction of icebreakers, ice-class ships, fishing trawlers, high-end vessels and drilling rigs for development of off-shore deposits.

The highlight of the trip to Vyborg was a visit to the shipyard to see its recent construction projects. During the visit, the staff were able to see the icebreaker *Andrey Vilkitsky*, a sister ship of the *Aleksandr Sannikov* that is based on the Aker ARC 130 A design, and the port

icebreaker *Ob*, which is based on the Aker ARC 124 design, and will be delivered later this year.

After the interesting visit at the shipyard, the group participated in a guided tour of the historical city. Restaurant Espilya is a new version of an old restaurant from the Finnish era, where the group enjoyed dinner, accompanied with folk music and dancing. A visit to the fancy Bar Probel, claiming to be the first cocktail bar in Vyborg, was optional after the fascinating day.



Restaurant Espilya offers dinner with folk music and dancing. Aker Arctic's group joined in the performance.

Meet us here!

We will participate in the following events:

Arctic Shipping Forum, Helsinki, Finland
2 – 4 April 2019

POAC, Delft, Netherlands
9 – 13 June 2019

ISOPE, Honolulu, USA
16 – 21 June 2019

Gastech, Houston, USA
17 – 19 September 2019

Neva, St. Petersburg, Russia
17 – 20 September 2019

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