Ship Seized in Canada

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A ship with a crew of 49 Russian and two Ukrainian sailors was seized in the Canadian port of St. John's after a freighter sued the ship's owner for a debt of $251,000, Interfax reported Thursday.

Neither the freighter nor the owner of the ship, which is called the Lyubov Orlova, were identified by news reports. The stranded crew was running out of food and drinking water, said Pyotr Osichansky, a representative of International Transport Workers' Federation in Vladivostok, Interfax reported.

The Russian Embassy in Canada will assist the crew to return home, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday.

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