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The Lenin icebreaker in Murmansk, 2010. **Anton Nossik**

56 years ago today, on Dec. 5, 1957, Russia launched the world's first nuclear-powered surface vessel, the Lenin icebreaker. After 30 years of service, the icebreaker was decommissioned and permanently docked in Murmansk.

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