

Badge for Long Distance Voyage, to a participant of the Naval Exercises Yug ("South"), 1971.

Brass, enamels; measures 29.0 mm in width at the bottom (between the lower edge of the red plaque and the leftmost point of the wreath); 26.1 mm in height (not including the pendant, between the bottom of the wreath and the top point of the flag). Unlike the regular issue Long Distance Voyage badge for surface ship crews, this badge features an enameled pendant with the name of the exercises. The reverse of the badge has the raised logo of the Pobeda Factory in Moscow.

In very fine to excellent condition. The enamel shows a beautiful luster and has only some tiny contact marks and a single tiny chip at the top edge of the pendant, practically unnoticeable without magnification; there are no significant chips or flaking. The raised details of the artwork are perfect; a good amount of the original fire gilt finish is present in the recessed areas of the wreath.

The badge was issued to the crewmen of the surface ships and some personnel of the Soviet Land Forces who had participated in the naval exercises Yug ("South"). These war games were held on a relatively modest scale compared with the massive Okean Exercises a year earlier. Subsequently, the Yug badges are much more scarce than the awards for the former war games. Unlike the two Okean badges, there was only a single type of the Yug badge, without the differentiation between surface ships and submarines.

/Avers 8, p. 449, fig. 2105; also, Borisov, [Badges of the Soviet Armed Forces](#), fig. 156/.

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