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- was a steamship company subordinate to the Ministry of the Merchant Fleet (MMF) through the Chief Directorate of the Southern Fleet. Administration of this company was located in Sochi in Staryy Gorod (exact location unknown). The company was organized in 1939 when the Black Sea State Steamship Company was divided into three independent steamship companies: the Black Sea, Asov, and Sochi.
- 2. The Sochi State Steamship Company maintained communication lines between the following Black Sea ports: Sochi, Adler, Gagry, Gudauti, Sukhumi, Ochemchiri, Poti, Batumi, Tuapse, Gelendshik, Novorossiysk, Anapa. The main activity of this company consisted in passenger transport. Its freight transport was rather insignificant and did not exceed 500 thousand tons per navigation year.
- 3. Organization of the company's administration was similar to that of the Azov Steamship Company but on a smaller scale. Sea-going personnel of this company was about 500-600 men, shore personnel about 125 men.
- 4. The fleet of the Sochi Steamship Company consisted of 15 freight-passenger ships with displacement up to one thousand tons, mainly diesel. In addition, there were five or six launches.

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