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As Quartermasters we specialize in ships navigation. We assist the Officer of the Deck on the bridge by overseeing the bridge watch section, maintaining the ships logs, plotting the ships position using a variety of electrical and celestial means. Particularly exciting on DEEP FREEZE was navigating through the narrow Patagonia channels and the Straights of Magellan in Chile, the approach and anchoring in unfrozen Arthur Harbor at Palmer Station and the massive icebreaking operations at McMurdo Station. The nav team also provided support during the science cruise, much work was put into the resurveying of the Ross Ice Shelf, Dragalaski and Erebus ice tongues. The return voyage was quite liesurely. The nav team engaged in an all celestial navigation drill, no electronic equipment was used and although most were rusty few failed to learn much. All in all the drill was a great success. DEEP FREEZE was a valuable learning experience for the nav team.



L-R: QMCM Williamson, QM2 Fendentz, QM2 Bailey, QM3 Garcia, QM3 Owen, QM3 Black.