

# in the beginning . . . .



All E-5 and below, lay to the dock to load stores...



After a long and tedious inport period, SOUTHWIND finally got underway on October 12 to proceed to the fuel dock. We were all a bit apprehensive because SOUTHWIND had not had the benefit of sea trials following a major overhaul including the rewinding of both main motors, and the fact that 50% of us had just recently reported aboard did little to increase our self confidence. After a 5 mile cruise, to the humble oil piers, SOUTHWIND departed for Deep Freeze '69 on 13 October 1968 loaded with 3/4 of a million gallons of fuel, a seven month's supply of food, and 190 men.

Ditto!



No thanks, we'll go it alone...



Adieu, Coast Guard Yard...

