

# ice operations



With a new set of blades on her propellers, SOUTHWIND returned to the ice and assumed the duties of keeping the newly cut channel to McMurdo Station open and escorting resupply vessels to and from the navy base. While waiting for the ships to discharge their cargo, SOUTHWIND conducted wire drag operations to determine the feasibility of using larger, deep draft vessels in the resupply of the Antarctic station. Soon, after escorting the last cargo ship out of the ice and in to open water, SOUTHWIND made her way north to the Pacific Ocean, and set a course for liberty.

