



The penguin is a curious creature by nature and will poke, pry into, and look at everything in its domain.

Scientists and explorers of Antarctica can be compared to penguins as they poke, pry into and look at the secrets of this vast new region. To accomplish all their work in the short summer season, they needed many supplies. The *Westwind* was called upon to assist in this task.

Our main job was to break a channel into McMurdo, keep it open, and escort the many supply ships in and out. "Wind of the West" heeded her call to duty and

performed the task well, as she has done with all her assignments.

Other tasks assigned were taken on with equal vigor and pride. Sounding operations were performed, tide and current information collected, a supply run made to Hallett Station, and a seal hunt conducted that provided us with a rare Ross Sea Seal. Also, *Westwind* personnel witnessed the first women tourists to this region.

Work was hard and hours long but a new realm was opened for those aboard that will be talked about and remembered through the years.