

Westwind
assists
Magga Dan

Received the following message from Representative, Commander Task Force Forty-Three, McMurdo: R222332Z

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1. **Magga Dan** towed free by **Westwind** 231105M.

2. For **Westwind**. A thoroughly outstanding display of superb seamanship. Well Done. Captain Farwell sends.



Photos courtesy U.S. Navy.



permitted to proceed on her way to Christchurch, N.Z.

The event provided an interesting topic of conversation and once again stressed the Coast Guard's humanitarian mission of assistance anywhere on the high seas.

Some excitement provided in the normal humdrum routine at McMurdo Station was the arrival and grounding of the Motor Vessel **Magga Dan**. This Danish cargo and passenger vessel ran aground on Hut Point Shoal early in the evening of the 21st of January. On board were twenty-four passengers and the first women tourists to the McMurdo area.

Westwind's assistance was requested and several attempts were made to free **Magga Dan**. An initial attempt was aborted due to strong winds. A second attempt was made on the 23rd and at 11:05, local time, **Magga Dan** was refloated. Damaged sustained was negligible and she was

