

I. Ships and Aircraft

*Section I of the Modifications of Activities Planned for 2005-2006
lists any changes to ship and aircraft usage planned for this time
period.*

Ships

The US Coast Guard Icebreaker Polar Star arrived McMurdo this season to support cutting and clearing of the channel due to extremely heavy ice conditions in the Ross Island area. The Resupply Vessel *American Tern* arrived McMurdo on February 02, and completed vessel operations on February 08. The *American Tern* sailed on February 09 for Port Lyttleton, NZ.

Aircraft

During Winfly (August) the USAP used 4 C-17 missions to move people and cargo between Christchurch and McMurdo. The USAF C-17 completed 23 missions between Christchurch and McMurdo during October and November. The USAF C-17 returned to McMurdo completing 24 missions during late December thru February. The Royal New Zealand Air Force completed 12 missions between Christchurch and McMurdo during November and December.