

I. Ships and Aircraft

*Section I of the Modifications of Activities Planned for 2008-2009
lists any changes to ship and aircraft usage planned for this time
period.*

Ships (ATO)

The Swedish Icebreaker Oden 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 06, and completed vessel operations on February 12. The *American Tern* sailed on February 12 for Port Lyttleton, NZ.

Aircraft

This season the USAP did not have a typical Winfly during August. What changed was a shorter window of operations the period before mainbody. This evolution was called Springfly which began September 4th. The USAP used 4 C-17 missions to move people and cargo between Christchurch and McMurdo. Additionally, one C-17 training mission was done by the US Air Force to conduct a Night Vision Goggle (NVG) flight from CHC to MCM. The USAF C-17 completed 33 missions between Christchurch and McMurdo during October thru December landing on the Pegasus Ice Runway. The USAF C-17 returned in January to continue flights on Pegasus Runway completing 12 missions during January thru February. The US Air Force added one C-17 training mission in January. The Royal New Zealand Air Force C-130 completed 6 missions between Christchurch and McMurdo during January. Additionally, the South African L-100 (SAFAIR) conducted 4 missions between CHC and MCM using the Pegasus Ice Runway. Also the Australian A-319 (AIRBUS) conducted 8 missions in total between CHC and MCM during December through February moving passengers.