

I. Ships and Aircraft

*Section I of the Modifications of Activities Planned for 2007-2008
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 06, and completed vessel operations on February 11. The *American Tern* sailed on February 12 for Port Lyttleton, NZ.

Aircraft

During Winfly (August) the USAP used 3 C-17 missions to move people and cargo between Christchurch and McMurdo. Additionally, one unscheduled C-17 mission flew from CHC to MCM for a medevac patient. The USAF C-17 completed 26 missions between Christchurch and McMurdo during October and November landing on the Ice Runway. The USAF C-17 continue flights on Pegasus Runway completing 28 missions during December thru February. The Royal New Zealand Air Force C-130 completed 2 missions between Christchurch and McMurdo during October and one more mission during February.