

# I. Ships and Aircraft

---

*Section I of the 2003-2004 season plans lists the names, types, numbers, descriptions, and armament of ships, aircraft, and other vehicles introduced to the Antarctic Treaty area and information on military equipment, if any, and its location in the area.*

## Ships

- **Icebreakers**

Ship:	USCGC Polar Sea (WAGB-11)
Aircraft:	2 each HH-65A helicopters
Armament:	Small arms only
Ship:	USCGC Polar Star

- **Supply/Tankers**

Ship:	Resupply Vessel (American Tern) dry cargo
Armament:	None

Ship:	TBA - Champion Class T-5 Tanker
Armament:	None

- **Research Vessels**

Ship:	R/V <i>Laurence M. Gould</i>
Armament:	None

Ship:	R/V <i>Nathaniel B. Palmer</i>
Armament:	None

## **Aircraft**

Six LC-130 transport aircraft operated by the 109<sup>th</sup> Air Wing.

Two Bell 212 helicopter based at McMurdo Station.

Two Aerospatiale AS-350B-2 helicopters based at McMurdo Station

**Note:** No armament

## **Air Mobility Command**

Between October and November 2003, C-141B, C-17 and C-5 aircraft of the U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command (AMC) will transport cargo and personnel to and from Christchurch, New Zealand, and McMurdo Station, Antarctica. Additionally, during January and February 2004, C-141 aircraft of the U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command (AMC) will transport cargo and personnel to and from Christchurch, New Zealand and McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

**Note:** No armament

## **Other Aircraft**

Royal New Zealand Air Force C-130 aircraft will transport cargo and personnel on intercontinental flights between Christchurch, New Zealand, and McMurdo Station, Antarctica, during November and December 2003 in support of the U.S. and New Zealand Antarctic Programs.

**Note:** Two DeHavilland DHC-6/300 Twin Otters will be used; both aircraft will arrive at McMurdo in early November 2003, and depart early February 2004.

**Note:** No armament