

I. Ships and Aircraft

*Section I of the Modifications of Activities Planned for 2006-2007
lists any changes to ship and aircraft usage planned for this time
period.*

Ships

The Swedish icebreaker *Oden* under charter to the U.S. Antarctic Program arrived at the ice edge about December 28, 2006. Also, 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 but only remained about a week. The Resupply Vessel *American Tern* arrived McMurdo on February 4, 2006, and completed vessel operations on February 10. The *American Tern* sailed on February 10 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 28 missions between Christchurch and McMurdo during October and November. The USAF C-17 continue flights on Pegasus Runway completing 25 missions during December thru February. The Royal New Zealand Air Force completed 7 missions between Christchurch and McMurdo during November and December.