



Commanding

As long ago as 1938, Captain Joseph W. Naab decided that someday he was going to see the South Polar regions.

He had just been commissioned at the Coast Guard Academy and was serving his first tour of duty aboard the CGC Hamilton on Boring Sea Patrol in Alaska.

The Eastwind's able skipper remembers that there was an exceptionally good library on polar expeditions aboard the ship.

"We were off the Arctic Coast when I realized that the South Pole must be equally fascinating," recalls Captain Naab.

Twenty-three years, a wife, and six sons later, the Captain got his wish. Not that he hasn't been busy up to now.

During the war, he was assigned to convoy duty in the North Atlantic on the CGC Ingham. Then, two years getting an advanced degree in Naval Engineering at MIT.

Add to the above, experience on commissioning details, Engineer Officer of the CGC Winnabago, instructor at the Academy, Commanding Officer of the CGC Yakutat, and a stretch at the Coast Guard Yard, and you have the answer to why the Eastwind "Knows No Barrier."

Justly proud of his sons, the Captain shares the credit with his wife, the former Elizabeth Stromberg, whom he married when he graduated from the Academy. They live in Freeport, Maine.

