

- 10 Dec 69 - Activated TG 43.3. CTG 43.3 in EDISTO.
- 18 Dec 69 - Departed Auckland enroute vicinity of Scott Island for rendezvous with USCGC BURTON ISLAND (WAGB 283).
- 25 Dec 69 - Crossed Antarctic Circle at 178°18'E.
 Effected rendezvous with USCGC BURTON ISLAND AT Lat. 178°40'E, Long 66°45'S. Underway enroute McMurdo Station. Entered open water 70°20'S, 177°50'E with scattered bergs and growlers.
- 28 Dec 69 - Entered fast ice in McMurdo Sound at 77°41.2'S, 166°00'E. Commenced backing and ramming fast ice in parallel railroad track pattern with BURTON ISLAND 100 yard to starboard.
- 03 Jan 70 - Representative John N. Happy Camp (R-Okla) and LCDR A. P. Ruotoko (CTF 43 Staff) visited.
 Congressional party of Rep. John Wold (R-Wyo), Rep. Jerry L. Pettis (R-Calif), Rep. J. I. Walley (R-Penn) Rep. James McClure (R-Idaho), Captain C. R. FRAZIER (USN Ret) and CDR Axthelm and Mr. Sigler visited.
 RADM D. F. WELCH, USN, Commander, U. S. Naval Support Force, Antarctica visited.
- 04 Jan 70 - Reached a point 500 yards from the off-load area and commenced re-running the channel and widening operations. Channel refrozen in sections and heavily clogged with small floes, block and brash.
- 06 Jan 70 - Encountered favorable wind. Channel widening operations progressing nicely.
- 08 Jan 70 - Steering system not responding in open water.
- 09 Jan 70 - Topside inspection indicates broken rudder stock.
 Divers attached 7/8" cables to rudder to hold amidships and confirm broken rudder stock. Port shaft fair-water reported missing.
 Underway to evaluate icebreaking capabilities.
 Parted starboard cable to rudder in light brash. Ice-breaking capabilities reduced 70%.
 Divers attach 1¹/₄" cables to rudder to hold amidships. Underwater photos reveal missing keys on port locking bolt.