



PUNTA ARENAS

On January 11 we passed through the Straits Of Magellan and reached Punta Arenas, Chile, the only major settlement on the Straits, but not to arrive anymore since the opening of the Panama Canal. Two days proved plenty of time to check out the tourist shops and the local entertainment after which we moved across the straits to take on fuel. Fueling at Puerto Percy turned out to be a frustrating experience with difficulties mooring the ship even further complicated by difficulties in fueling from a leaky hose and then a tiny fuel barge. The week spent fueling the ship was made even more tedious by the fact that much work had to be accomplished in the Weddell Sea before we set sail for home. Finally on January 23 we completed the task and faced the challenge of the Weddell Sea.

