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Deck Force, as is their wont, epitomized the Coast Guard motto "Semper Paratus" on DEEP FREEZE '80. Also always cheerful and eager . . . ? hmmm. The fact is that deck hands were always there to do any "little old" job that came up. From loading stores to shoveling snow to guiding interminable tours of the ship in liberty ports. (You remember). Long hours and longer helm and lookout watches yielded a crew of able, confident seamen on this trip. Extensive small boat operations were performed using the MSB and ASB. The motor surf boat, on board for the first time in two years, served as ready lifeboat, mail boat, dive boat, small cargo boat, you name it. It even managed to make a few recreational runs for divers and snorkelers during port calls. Although not fully operational before sailing, the Arctic Survey Boat was made seaworthy in time to conduct an extensive bottom survey of Winter Quarters Bay. The ASB also assisted in a rescue effort involving two persons stranded on the ice off Hut Point. Several towing operations exercised deck force's skills and patience on DEEP FREEZE '80. A parted hawser and unfavorable winds turned the first attempt at towing the USNS MAUMEE into quite a learning experience. The grounding of GLACIER's bow (only temporarily) on the Hut Point Shoal. The deck force tow team had the opportunity to practice stern-to-stern, bow-to-stern, and along-side tows before the MAUMEE was finally sent on her way. With that one for a warmup, GLACIER towed the USNS TOWLE and the ice wharf out from McMurdo with comparative ease.