



When we arrived in Antarctic waters on Christmas Day, ice coverage was nearly 100%. This first year sea ice is up to five feet thick. Many pressure ridges are evident and large tabular bergs are pre-



sent. Under the influence of the bright Austral summer sun, the solid ice cover began deteriorating. These vast floes measure up to six miles across.

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By mid-January most large floes had disappeared leaving a few small floes, bergy bits, and growlers.