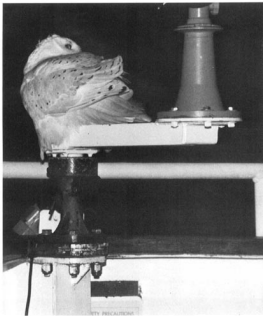


Northwest Passage

The 1,500 nautical mile transit of the Northwest Passage was by way of Lancaster Sound, Peel Sound, Ice-breaker Channel, Queen Maud Gulf, Dease Strait, Coronation Gulf, Dolphin and Union Strait and Amundsen Gulf. The depths of the passage ranged from several hundred feet deep to shallow areas that left only 10 feet of water beneath the keel. The topography of the land was low and featureless. Although the passage can be packed with ice, POLAR SEA encountered only thin first year ice in Peel Sound and in Franklin Strait. The trip was made in company with the CCGS PIERRE RADISSON.



CCGS PIERRE RADISSON — 324 feet long, 62 feet wide, 8,300 metric tons and a crew of 55.

