

## Escort/ Cargo Ops

The break-in to McMurdo was smooth, even if the winds weren't cooperating. Polar Sea channelled through 18.6 miles of fast ice to reach her destination. The M/V Richard G. Matthiesen and the Italian supply vessel *Italica* were escorted to McMurdo. When the *Italica* was unable to moor alongside the ice pier, Polar Sea summoned the deck force to the flight deck to offload the *Italica's* cargo. The Polar Duke made its annual visit as Polar Sea prepared for the transit to Pine Island Bay.

Right: McMurdo Station.  
Below: Polar Sea prepares the way for the Matthiesen in Terra Nova Bay.



Above: An unexpected cargo transfer from the *Italica*.

Right: Bringing in the *Italica* and Matthiesen.  
Far right: Unloading a few things onto the Polar Duke.

