



## Pine Island Bay

The Pine Island Bay mission consisted largely of accurately plotting the position of islands and other bodies of land to update charts of the area. It was through the three weeks Polar Sea was there that the MST's and QMs worked the hardest. One mass that

was of particular interest was the Thwaites Ice Tongue, which had broken free of land and was headed out to sea. Our task to conduct an overflight and determine its size. At 70 miles long and 20 miles wide, it is possibly the largest iceberg in the world.



Above left: BMC Olson and crew pass an iceberg enroute the Polar Duke.  
Left: Maher Island.



CAPT Brigham, USCG, prepares a hole from which an ice core would be drilled.



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