

OLD AND NEW IN THE ICE

Three generations of icebreakers went south this year for DEEP FREEZE 80 of which our's was one of these. There was also the NORTHWIND which was the smallest and the GLACIER. Our's was the primary job to breakin to McMurdo with the NORTHWIND to assist. The GLACIER'S job was to be a scientific platform, so she was not involved with the breakin. Below is a list of basic ships data.

POLAR SEA Commissioned 23 FEB 78 Length 399
DE 18,000 SHP 3 Shafts 18 Knots
GT 60,000 SHP 22 Knots

GLACIER Commissioned 27 May 55 Length 309
DE 21,000 HP 2 Shafts 17.5 Knots

NORTHWIND Commissioned 25 Feb 45 Length
269
DE 10,000 BHP 2 Shafts 16 Knots

