

Executive Officer

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POLAR SEA's performance during the United States/Canada 1994 Arctic Ocean Section Expedition was outstanding! The fantastic successes of the voyage are due to the extraordinary efforts of the officers and crew of POLAR SEA.

Together with the CCGS LOUISS. ST-LAURENT, we achieved many historic firsts, including the first surface vessels to ever cross the Arctic Ocean and first North American surface vessels to reach the North Pole. Our meeting on the ice with the Russian icebreaker YAMAL and crew is a highlight of the trip.

In addition, and with our assistance, the science party on-board POLAR SEA conducted a wide range of unique and complex science work that will take years to analyze. The information collected during AOS 1994 will greatly assist with mankind's understanding of the global environment.

The support we provided to the science party was critical to the success of the expedition. That we provided a wide range of services in an outstanding manner is attested to by numerous letters and comments from our customers, the scientists. They considered the services we provided, and the manner in which we provided them, to be world class!

This book will help us remember the things we accomplished during this historic voyage. Bravo Zulu!

- CDR Michael N. Powers

