



# The Chiefs' Mess

16 Chiefs

The "Chiefs' Mess" onboard POLAR SEA had a number of unique hurdles to overcome for this deployment, despite a short inport between this one and the previous deployment. The presence of one of the largest scientist parties ever to sail on POLAR SEA provided several challenges for the chiefs and their crew. Certain crew billets were unfilled as additional berthing was needed for the science party. Also, modifications to various electrical power, ventilation, lighting, heating, and countless other systems were necessary to meet the needs of the civilian equipment.

But along with these unique challenges came the daily management of the ship and its crew—ensuring that the ship was maintained, repaired, and operated efficiently and safely.

Within this context, the "Average Day" consisted of one to two ice stations of varying intensities—usually requiring the organization of flight op-



QMCM Gary Thurston shows the lighter side of the Chief's Mess.

erations and crane operations. The task of translating the objectives and requirements of the POLARSEA's upper com-

mand and civilian community fell upon the chiefs as well.

- EMC Carl D. Pieplow, Jr.



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