

CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR EVENTS

JULY

- 1 - Ready for sea.
- 2 1821R Underway from Milwaukee, Wisconsin enroute Arctic East operations.
- 4 0810R Standing into the St. Clair River.
- 1549Q Departed Detroit River, entered Lake Erie.
- 5 1030Q Entered Welland Canal.
- 1936Q Departed Welland Canal, entered Lake Ontario.
- 6 0737Q Entered the St. Lawrence Seaway.
- 7 0342Q Entered Montreal Harbor.
- 8 0655Q SS2 R. R. HOULE MEDEVACED by ship's helicopters to Loring AFB with rheumatoid arthritis of the spine.
- 1431Q Ship's helicopters aboard.
- 2000Q Departed St. Lawrence River enroute Halifax, N.S.
- 10 0819R Moored Imperial Oil Dock No. 3, Halifax, N.S.
- 11 0800P CHOP to CTF SIX.
- 1013P Underway from Imperial Oil Dock No. 3 having taken on 400,000 gallons of diesel fuel.
- 1053P Moored starboard side to the port side of HMCS ANNAPOLIS, Berth 32, HMCS Dock Yard, Halifax, N.S.
- 12 1112P Underway enroute Thule AB, Greenland via the St. of Belle Isle.
- 14 0033P Anchored St. George's Harbor, Newfoundland to provide a stable platform for helicopter repair.
- 0826P Underway enroute Thule.
- 15 0642P First ice of the season sighted in the St. of Belle Isle.
- 18 - Steaming off the entrance to Sondrestrom Fjord. Ship's helicopters flew in to Sondrestrom AB and picked up Mr. John ARENS, MSC Rep. Thule, and provided transportation to Thule AB for Mr. ARENS.
- 3208P Crossed the Arctic Circle at 054 - 15' West.
- 21 2059Q Moored Thule AB, Greenland. First ship of the summer 1973 season.
- 24 0820Q Underway to resupply USCG Loran Station Cape Arthol.
- 1112Q Anchored vicinity Cape Arthol, commenced resupply utilizing ship's helicopters.
- 1535Q Underway having completed resupply, enroute Thule.
- 1935Q Moored Thule.
- 26 0818Q Underway enroute the Carey Islands to conduct POL transfer and to transport civilians to and from the Carey Islands. Three passengers on board.
- 1430Q Standing into the Ibjorn Havn anchorage in the Carey Islands.
- 1520Q Anchored Ibjorn Havn anchorage. Commenced operations in support of North Open Water Project.
- 28 2241Q Carey Islands operations complete, underway enroute Thule with one passenger on board.
- 29 0845Q Moored Thule; passenger ashore.
- 31 0822Q Underway enroute Kanak to provide transportation to Danish and Greenlandic nationals. 11 passengers on board.
- 1730Q Drifting off Kanak. Received a three gun salute from Kanak marking arrival of the first ship of the summer 1973 season. Transported passengers ashore using ship's helos and brought aboard 11 passengers for transport to Thule.
- 2007Q Underway enroute Thule.

AUG.

- 1 0813Q Moored Thule, passengers ashore.
 - 1804Q Underway with approximately 90 Air Force and American civilian personnel for a Thule Harbor Circle Cruise.
 - 1957Q Moored Thule.
 - 2 1803Q Underway with approximately 80 Danish and Greenlandic nationals for a Thule Harbor Circle Cruise.
 - 1959Q Moored Thule.
 - 4 - Coast Guard Day -- softball game and picnic with USAF.
 - 5 0808Q Underway enroute Sondrestrom AB via Disko Island and Cruncher Island with anchor chain for Sondrestrom on deck.
 - 7 0723Q Entered passage behind Disko Island.
 - 1826Q Departed passage behind Disko Island.
 - 9 0342Q Anchored off entrance to Sondrestrom Fjord.
 - 1231Q USNS MIRFAK alongside to pass the Cruncher Island beacon and the radar transponder parts and to receive the anchor chain.
 - 1406Q USNS MIRFAK away.
 - 1452Q Underway standing into Sondrestrom Fjord enroute anchorage in Fishmaster's Harbor.
 - 1603Q Anchored Fishmaster's Harbor. Commenced establishment of the Cruncher Island radio beacon and the radar transponder.
 - 12 0953P Underway enroute Sondrestrom AB. Operations to establish the radio beacon on Cruncher Island incomplete due to shortage of necessary batteries. Radar transponder established but not tested due to casualty of ship's surface search radar. Tested utilizing test equipment -- tested out OK.
 - 1825P Anchored Sondrestrom AB to support resupply as necessary.
 - 15 0929P RADM CHASE, USN, Commander, Sealift Command aboard for an unofficial visit.
 - 0947P RADM CHASE departed. Ship's helicopters provided logistic support to RADM CHASE during his visit to Sondrestrom area.
 - 16 1338P Underway enroute Kulusuk, Greenland.
 - 20 0524P Commenced escort of M/T RUBI BINTI through the ice enroute Kulusuk.
 - 1945P Completed escort of M/T RUBI BINTI. Anchored Kulusuk.
 - 24 1729P Underway to shift to more sheltered anchorage due to high winds.
 - 1900P Anchored.
 - 25 0805P Underway to escort M/T RUBI BINTI to ice edge.
 - 1403P M/T RUBI BINTI clear of the ice. CHOP to COMLANTAREA COGARD. Proceed to Reykjavik, Iceland.
 - 27 0853Z Moored Sudanhof Pier, Reykjavik, Iceland.
 - 30 - The Honorable Fredrick IRVING, American Ambassador to Iceland visited SOUTHWIND at the invitation of the CO.
- SEPT.
- 1 0800Z Underway from Iceland enroute Kulusuk. CHOP to CTF SIX.
 - 2 1941P Commenced escort of USNS MIRFAK through the ice to Kulusuk.
 - 3 0424P Completed escort of MIRFAK into Kulusuk. Anchored Kulusuk.
 - 5 1303P Underway to escort MIRFAK clear of the ice.
 - 1628P MIRFAK clear of the ice, terminated escort. CHOP to COMLANTAREA COGARD, underway enroute Milwaukee via Montreal, Canada.
 - 9 1600P Entered St. Lawrence River.
 - 10 1015Q SHPDV Detachment 42 consisting of 2 HH52A helos departed. CHOP to
 - 11 1619Q AVTRACEN Mobile.
 - 12 0715Q Moored, Berth M3, Montreal, Canada. CHOP to CCGD NINE.
 - 0759Q District inspection party aboard.
 - 13 0955Q Underway enroute Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
 - 21 10Q Departed St. Lawrence River, entered Lake Ontario.
 - 14 0630Q Entered Welland Canal.
 - 14 0830Q Departed Welland Canal, entered Lake Erie.
 - 1917Q Moored off Cleveland Breakwater. District inspection departed via CG 30 - Foster.
 - 15 0800Q Entered Detroit River.
 - 1734Q Departed Detroit River, entered Lake Huron.
 - 17 0826R Moored Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Arctic East 1973 deployment completed.