

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MAJOR EVENTS

- 1 Jul Departed MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN enroute ARCTIC EAST SUMMER '79 operations.
- 3 Jul CG Helo 1416 (Lucky 7) departed WESTWIND enroute CG AIRSTA DETROIT for engine change and structural repairs.
- 4 Jul Moored CLEVELAND, OHIO to take on fuel, departed same day.
- 5 Jul WELLAND CANAL.
- 6 Jul ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY.
- 7 Jul Moored MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA for fuel and wait for Helo 1416.
- 13 Jul Underway with both helos aboard for the ARCTIC.
- 15 Jul Gulf of St. Lawrence.
- 16 Jul First ice sighted in STRAITS OF BELLE ISLE.
- 19 Jul At SONDRÉ STROMFJORD, FISHMASTERS HARBOR, to set navigational aid on MEHLMANIA ISLAND.
- 21 Jul Crossed ARCTIC CIRCLE at 54-25W. Initiated all Blueness into the realm of Borealis Rex.
- 24 Jul Moored DeLong Pier, THULE GREENLAND.
- 25 Jul Departed THULE enroute rendezvous with USNS PVT JOHN R. TOWLE to provide escort in to THULE.
- 29 Jul Moored THULE again.
- 30 Jul Departed THULE enroute KULUSUK via GRONNEDAL. THULE is open to unescorted shipping.
- 3 Aug Moored GRONNEDAL for official call on Island Commander, Greenland. Departed same day.
- 6 Aug Anchored KULUSUK to assist with tanker EDUARD SIMARD moored and pumping oil upon our arrival.
- 7 Aug Received request for SAR assistance from KULUSUK AIR to rescue three survivors from a downed aircraft on the GREENLAND ice cap.
- 8 Aug Underway from KULUSUK.
- 10 Aug Arrived REYKJAVIK, ICELAND for logistics.
- 15 Aug Filled up on fuel and departed ICELAND for oceanographic survey off the east coast of GREENLAND. Duration: 45 days.
- 19 Aug Entered the ice pack.
- 21 Aug Gyro compasses unable to function above 79 deg North latitude. Must use Magnetic Compass.
- 26 Aug Reached farthest Northern penetration by any United States surface vessel at position 83-45.3N, 12-21.7W. Set a buoy marking the occasion and conducted diving operations.
- 5 Sep CG Helo 1416 (Lucky 7) down on the ice at position 79-32.4N, 15-36.5W and 26.2 nautical miles from the ship with tail rotor gear box failures, no injuries.
- 8 Sep Air drop of parts needed to repair the helo was made by C-130 CGNR 1504.
- 10 Sep Completed repairs of Lucky 7 and recovered. Resumed oceanographic operations.
- 12 Sep Steering problem noticed in open water. Divers inspected and found the rudder to be twisted 17 degrees to the right plus damage to the screws.
- 13 Sep Gyro compasses back in full operation, WESTWIND is below 79N Lat.
- 26 Sep Terminated oceanographic operations and headed for REYKJAVIK, ICELAND.
- 29 Sep Moored REYKJAVIK, ICELAND. Disembarked the scientific party and took on supplies.
- 2 Oct Departed REYKJAVIK enroute QUEBEC, CANADA.
- 10 Oct Arrive QUEBEC, CANADA.
- 12 Oct Moored HICKERDIKE BASIN, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA.
- 14 Oct Entered VICKERS CANADIAN drydock. Removed both screws, rudder and rudder shaft for much needed repairs.
- 26 Oct Departed drydock. Underway enroute MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.
- 27 Oct Departed ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY entered LAKE ONTARIO.
- 28 Oct Entered WELLAND CANAL. Departed same.
- 31 Oct Moored MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. Assumed CHARLIE status having completed a 123 day ARCTIC EAST SUMMER '79 deployment.