Ships and Aircraft

Section I of the 2004-2005 season plans lists the names, types, numbers, descriptions, and armament of ships, aircraft, and other vehicles introduced to the Antarctic Treaty area and information on military equipment, if any, and its location in the area.

Ships

• Icebreakers

Ship: USCGC Polar Star (WAGB-10)
Aircraft: 2 each HH-65A helicopters

Armament: Small arms only

Supply/Tankers

Ship: Resupply Vessel (American Tern)

dry cargo

Armament: None

Ship: TBA - Champion Class T-5 Tanker

Armament: None

Research Vessels

Ship: R/V Laurence M. Gould

Armament: None

Ship: R/V Nathaniel B. Palmer

Armament: None

Aircraft

Six LC-130 transport aircraft operated by the 109th Air Wing.

Two Bell 212 helicopter based at McMurdo Station.

Two Aerospatiale AS-350B-2 helicopters based at McMurdo Station

Note: No armament

Air Mobility Command

Between October and November 2004, and January and February 2005 C-141B and C-17 aircraft of the U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command (AMC) will transport cargo and personnel to and from Christchurch, New Zealand, and McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

No armament

Other Aircraft

Royal New Zealand Air Force C-130 aircraft will transport cargo and personnel on intercontinental flights between Christchurch, New Zealand, and McMurdo Station, Antarctica, during November and December 2004 in support of the U.S. and New Zealand Antarctic Programs.

Note: Two DeHavilland DHC-6/300 Twin Otters will be used; both aircraft will

arrive at McMurdo in early November 2004, and depart early February

2005.

Note: No armament