

# I. Ships and Aircraft

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*Section I of the 1997-98 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:	<u>USCGC POLAR STAR (WAGB-10)</u>
Aircraft:	2 each HH-65A helicopters
Armament:	Small arms only

- **Supply/Tankers**

Ship:	<u>M/V GREEN WAVE</u> - dry cargo
Armament:	None

Ship:	TBA - Champion Class T-5 Tanker
Armament:	None

- **Research Vessels**

Ship:	<u>R/V LAURANCE M. GOULD</u>
Armament:	None

Ship:	<u>R/V NATHANIEL B. PALMER</u>
Armament:	None

## **Aircraft**

Five LC-130 transport aircraft operated by the U.S. Navy.

One Bell 212 helicopter based at McMurdo Station.

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

**Note:** No armament

## **Air Mobility Command**

Between October and November 1997, C-141B and C-5B 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.

**Note:** No armament

## **Other Aircraft**

The 109th Tactical Airlift Group (TAG) of the Air National Guard (ANG) based in Schenectady, New York, will provide two LC-130 aircraft and three aircrews for approximately six weeks in November/December 1997 and six weeks in January/February 1998 to assist with intra-continental flight operations.

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 1997 in support of the U.S. and New Zealand Antarctic Programs.

Two DeHavilland DHC-6/300 Twin Otters will be used; both aircraft will arrive at McMurdo in early November 1997, and depart late January 1998.

**Note:** No armament