

# Ocean Station Bravo — March 1969



To most of the men on board HAMILTON during March 1969, this was just another patrol on the Coast Guard's most infamous weather station, Ocean Station Bravo. It meant, for instance, day after day of slow patrol across the grid area, of taking soundings and casts, of preparing and releasing weather balloons, and of listening by radio and seeing on radar an endless stream of air traffic passing overhead, to most of which, positions would be given and a little good-natured bantering exchanged. But this time was to be HAMILTON'S last such patrol for well over two years, something of a record for a Coast Guard cutter whose main purpose is to help man the various weather stations in the North Atlantic. For within the year, HAMILTON would find herself halfway around the world, attempting to prove her capability in quite another area, one in which she and the entire 378 class had yet to take part.

