



In the summer of 1950 SOUTH-WIND was returned to the United States and sailed to Boston. There she was to remain when in home-port for the next sixteen years under Navy control as the USS ATKA. During this period she made nineteen trips to Arctic waters and nine extensive voyages to the Antarctic.

In 1964 the national icebreaking program was consolidated under the Coast Guard and one by one the vessels formerly under the Navy were transferred. In the fall of 1966 ATKA'S turn came. She was commissioned on October 31 (above and left) and immediately thereafter was taken to her new home port of Baltimore where she entered the yard in preparation for Arctic East 1967 and what would follow. On January 18, 1967 she was renamed SOUTHWIND.