



Parallel operation makes icebreaking much faster.

## Channel Breaking Operations

**Westwind** leads the way.



Day by day as **Westwind** headed further south Mother Nature began to show signs of what was to lie ahead. The water took on a dark appearance, the wind howled incessantly, and the temperatures continued to drop. It appeared that we were being warned to turn back; that we didn't really belong in Antarctica. But we did belong and so we proceeded south and yet further southward into the bleak and desolated area surrounding Antarctica.

On November 22nd, "Iceberg" was the call that was heard throughout the ship. We had finally arrived at the gateway to Antarctica. **Westwind** hove to in the ice and awaited the arrival of her sister ship, the **USCGC Burton Is-**