

PANAMA

Once again, on the seventeenth of April, **Westwind** returned to that engineering masterpiece — the Panama Canal. A brief, one day stay in Rodman to take on critically needed fuel and lube oil preceded our passage through the canal.

In Rodman, cleaning the ship and painting were in order while others fueled. When liberty was granted many went no farther than the base club while others were drawn by the excitement and bright lights of the city of Panama.

Passage through the canal was done during daylight this time unfolding a spectacle of steep, beautiful mountains and dense Panamanian jungle. On the other side, with the ancient waters of the Carribean before us, we knew our trip was drawing to an end. Next stop, Puerto Rico.



The locks of Panama close behind us bringing us a few feet closer to the Atlantic and home.



Mules perform their task quickly and skillfully.