

Coast Guard assistance prepared for tugs and barges

The Coast Guard is gearing up for possible assistance to a flotilla of 28 tugs and barges operating along the northern Alaska coast. A year ago, three Coast Guard icebreakers were needed when the winter ice pack blocked passage past Pt. Barrow.

Two icebreakers are now in the Barrow vicinity. They are the Coast Guard cutters Glacier and Burton Island. In addition, three other ships with ice-breaking capability are on 24-hour standby to leave their

homeports if the flotilla again gets stuck.

The ships on standby are the cutters Sedge, based at Homer on the Alaska Peninsula, and the cutters Storis and Citrus based at Kodiak. The latter two were involved in last year's icebreaking effort.

To evaluate ice conditions at Pt. Barrow and off the North Slope coast, the Coast Guard has sent its chief of operations to the scene. Captain Robert S. Lucas is expected to return to his Juneau headquarters after

als aimed at Prudhoe Bay. There are also six barges carrying fuel and supplies for military installations along the northern Alaska coast. They are now in the vicinity of Icy Cape awaiting the annual break-up.

In the meantime, an innovative Crowley Maritime barge pushed by two 9,000-horsepower tugs is experimenting in the ice near Point Franklin. Early observations of the new vessel show it to be effective in making way through the ice.



THE "BURTON ISLAND" and the "Glacier," two of the Coast Guard's west coast icebreaking fleet, moor together near Pt. Barrow during last year's North Slope Resupply operation. The smaller icebreaker, the "Burton Island," has recently escorted a group of Canadian vessels around Pt. Barrow. The "Burton Island" is still conducting scientific research in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. Both vessels will stand by to aid the flotilla of tugs and barges going into Prudhoe Bay if needed.

—photo by M. JOSEPH LEANY, Coast Guard photo



THE 230-FOOT COAST GUARD cutter Storis leads tugs and barges to Prudhoe Bay through a precise trail in Beaufort Sea ice during the ice-choked 1975 arctic shipping season. The Storis, along with the 180-foot ice-breaking buoy tenders Citrus and Sedge, are now on standby status to assist if ice conditions block passage of Point Barrow this year.

—photo by M. JOSEPH LEANY, Coast Guard photo

observing ice conditions from the icebreaker's helicopters.

Captain Lucas' evaluation of the situation will be instrumental in the service's decision whether or not to dispatch its standby vessels to the arctic.

Another Coast Guard resource has been added to this year's ice navigation scene. A Hercules C-130 aircraft will provide vessels operating in the ice with a better picture of ice thickness than visual observers can give.

The all-weather radar's findings will be fed into an on-board computer and then transmitted via satellite to Cleveland, Ohio. There, at the NASA Lewis Research Center, the information will be converted into a photograph and sent back to Barrow for use.

This year's fleet awaiting passage to the east of Pt. Barrow includes 22 barges with oil field development materi-

However, the mushy ice path quickly closes up behind the vessel. The ice is moved by wind and water current. Coast Guard icebreaking efforts met with the same problem during last year's emergency escort of the fleet.

For the past 10 years, the average break-up date of ice at Pt. Barrow has been Aug. 13-15. However, last year, strong northwesterly winds held the winter pack ice fast to the shore effectively blocking passage to the east. Working together, the Coast Guard cutters Burton Island, Storis and Citrus pushed an opening in the frozen barrier enabling the flotilla to move into thinner first year ice.

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