

# POLAR CLASS updates

- Still in search of oh, \$400 Million to upgrade the POLARS (or even \$800 Million if we replace both).
- Science response since June- science upgrades workshop held in Seattle (workshop report on my to-do list).
- USCG- presentations to CG Commandant, possibility for a meeting with Dr. Colwell and the Commandant soon.
- However, no funding yet identified within USCG.

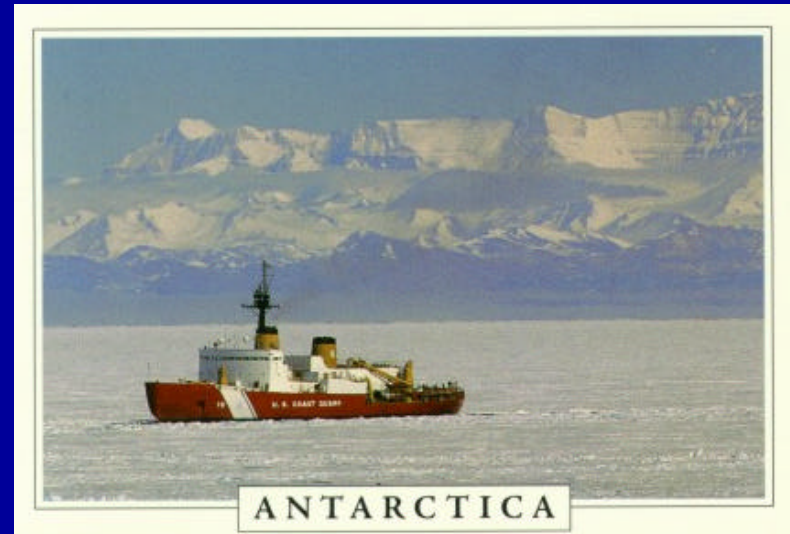
# Workshop outcomes

- Identified likely science and national missions for next decade-
- Presidential Directive specifies need for 4 US icebreakers- given likely missions, seems 4 still needed for near future.
- PALMER, HEALY, and the POLARS...



# Workshop (cont)

- “Wish” list- work from Ocean class SMR’s
- 76 items made the first list, no attempt to prioritize yet
- Examples: add ADCP and multibeam (involves cutting holes in the hull...)



# Workshop (cont)

- Examples: improve habitability (no more triple bunks, head on the main deck); add a bow thruster...
- Next science step- get workshop report together, get some dollar values associated with the wish list



## Other AICC issues

New members (Lawver and Whitley to cycle off 11/03)- 4 good candidates, AICC to decide on possible new members at our Nov meeting.

New chair (Clough to cycle off in Jan 04 (and have a baby!)).- Looks like Margo Edwards will be suggested as the new chair, with Hedy Edmonds and Carin Ashjian being suggested as vice-chairs, and likely representing AICC at some meetings.

Chair term- has been suggested that 2 year chair terms may be better, AICC will discuss in Nov and bring to Council's attention.