

mercial Fisheries. In Miami, *Hero* will be thoroughly inspected and various equipment problems that developed during the North Atlantic cruise will be corrected.

The ship is expected to resume her voyage to the Antarctic Peninsula in mid October.

***Hero* En Route to Antarctica**

After completing a three-week shakedown cruise in the North Atlantic in late August, the National Science Foundation's new antarctic research ship *Hero** returned to New England, then commenced her long journey to waters embracing the Antarctic Peninsula, where she will operate indefinitely in support of the U.S. Antarctic Research Program.

The North Atlantic cruise took *Hero* into Davis Strait and Baffin Bay, where she supported biologic investigations by scientists from the University of Maine. Off Baffin Island, she operated in pack ice.



(Photo by U.S. Maritime Administration for NSF)

Hero off the New England coast.

Hero spent four days in Boston, then steamed to Washington, D.C., via the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, where a new work boat was taken aboard. During her week-long stay in Washington (September 4-10), *Hero* was inspected by members of the National Science Board, Marine Technology Society, Government officials, and the general public. On one of those days, as many as 5,000 persons toured the ship.

From Washington, *Hero* steamed to Miami, Florida, arriving on September 15. During this leg of her journey southward, biological trawling was carried out for a representative of the Bureau of Com-

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