



A small group of onlookers was on hand to see the weather picket ship U.S.S. Calcaterra leave at 10 a.m. today for her first tour of duty providing weather information for Operation Deepfreeze at 60deg south.

**PICKET DUTIES:**  
**Calcaterra Leaves Tomorrow**

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The Calcaterra was a busy ship today taking on stores for personnel at Campbell Island, and completing maintenance work since she berthed after a stormy arrival trip on Monday.

One of the most important tasks being carried out was firmly securing all moveable objects to prevent accidents and damage in heavy seas.

Leaving with the ship tomorrow will be a group of men for Campbell Island. The Deepfreeze season is expected to begin on October 1, weather permitting.

When the first fly-in to McMurdo Sound is made, the new commander of the United States Naval Antarctic Support Force, Rear Admiral F. E. Bakis, will be on this duty.