



399-foot Polar Class Icebreaker (WAGB)

Crew: 139
Beam: 84 feet
Length: 399 feet
Draft: 32 feet

Displacement: 13,400 tons
Speed: 20 knots
Range: 28000 miles
Endurance: 100 days

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General Information: The second largest cutters operated by the Coast Guard are the Polar Class icebreakers. These cutters, specifically designed for open-water icebreaking have reinforced hulls, special icebreaking bows, and a system that allows rapid shifting of ballast to increase the effectiveness of their icebreaking. The Polar Sea and Polar Star were built in the 1970s.

Missions: They serve in Arctic/Antarctic serving science and research as well as providing re-supply to remote stations. Both Polar Class icebreakers are under the control of Pacific Northwest District 13, Ice Operations Section.

13th District 399-foot Polar Class Icebreakers are in the following cities:

POLAR SEA (WAGB-11), Seattle, WA
POLAR STAR (WAGB-10), Seattle, WA



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