

NAUTILUS TRANSPOLAR CRUISE



1. Schedule

Departed Honolulu	2:00 AM EDST 23 July
Transited Bering Strait	29 July
Went under Arctic pack off Point Barrow, Alaska	8:37 AM EDST 1 August
North Pole	11:15 PM EDST 3 August
Emerged from pack on Greenwich meridian at 79° North	9:54 AM EDST 5 August
C.O. transferred at sea to helicopter	11:15 PM EDST 7 August
Departed Keflavik, Iceland	11:45 PM EDST 7 August
Arrived Washington, D.C.	13:45 AM EDST 8 August

2. NAUTILUS traveled 1830 miles under the ice in 96 hours from Point Barrow, Alaska to the Atlantic Ocean between Greenland and Spitsbergen.
3. When NAUTILUS reached the North Pole at 11:15 PM Eastern Daylight Time on 3 August more men - 116 - were assembled at the Pole at one time than ever before.
4. The first transpolar voyage by a ship in history, Honolulu to Europe, will take NAUTILUS 19 days and cover 8146 miles at an average speed of over 17 knots.
5. The water at the North Pole was measured with a precision fathomster to be 13,410 feet deep. This is 1927 feet deeper than the maximum measured by others who have reached the Pole.
6. Prior to NAUTILUS 1957 Arctic trip no ship had ever been north of 83 degrees 21 minutes North under its own power -- a Russian ice breaker in 1955. The FRAM under Nansen had drifted locked in the pack ice to 85 degrees 57 minutes North in 1895.