



METSIT 21Z 15-Apr Not much has changed from the previous forecast. Expect winds to increase while transiting through the Straits of Magellan and out into Atlantic. Once in the open waters, sea states increase as well. Further in the forecast, the low pressure system moves up from the Bellingshausen Sea along the peninsula and into the Drake Passage, but fills during that time frame. However, expect "typical" Drake Passage sea states as you head south. There is enough energy from that system to increase sea the states. You can expect NW switching to SW after passing the tip. Scattered rain can be expected through much of the transit with periods of reduced visibilities.

FORECASTER NOTES MCMURDO STATION WINTER OPERATIONS ARE IN EFFECT. WEAX SUPPORT WILL BE DONE BY THE MCMURDO STATION WEATHER OFFICE AND ISSUED BY 2100Z. SEE CONTACT INFO BELOW.

VALID TIME	15-Apr 21Z	16-Apr 06Z	16-Apr 12Z	16-Apr 18Z	17-Apr 00Z	17-Apr 06Z	17-Apr 12Z	17-Apr 18Z
SKY CONDITION	CLOUDY	MOSTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	MOSTLY CLOUDY	CLOUDY	CLOUDY
WEATHER	NONE	NONE	RAIN	RAIN	RAIN	NONE	RAIN	RAIN
VISIBILITY (NM)	UNRESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED	3 - 5	3 - 5	4 - 6	4 - 6	3 - 5	4 - 6
SFC WINDS (DIR & KTS)	W 15-20 GUST 25	WNW 25-30 GUST 40	SW 15-20 GUST 25	SW 25-20 GUST 40	SW 20-25 GUST 35	W 15-20 GUST 25	WNW 15-20 GUST 25	SW 10-15 GUST 25
SFC MAX/MIN (°C)	7 / 6				5 / 3			
SST RANGE (°C)	9 / 7				7 / 2			
SEAS (DIR & FT)	E 0-2	NW 4-6	NW 6-8	NW 6-8	SW 12-14	SW 16-18	SW 18-20	SW 14-16
ICE ACCRETION	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL