

DIVELOG OCEANWIDE EXPEDITIONS

OTL12-25 East Greenland, Scoresby Sund - Aurora Borealis, including Long Hikes



30.08. – 08.09.2025

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30.08.2025 – Embarkation Day

After boarding the ship, we attended the mandatory Safety Briefing followed by an Emergency Exercise. Our Expedition Leader Claudio introduced us to the plans for the voyage, and together with the captain we raised a toast to the journey ahead.

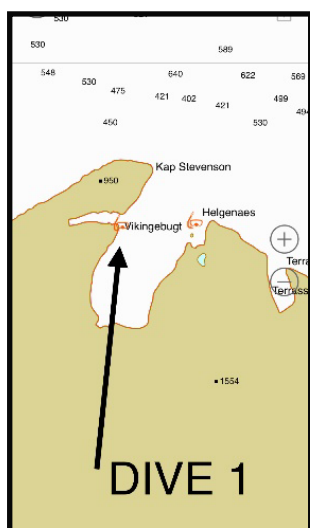
31.08.2025 – At Sea

The following day was spent at sea, giving us plenty of time for the mandatory briefings, including our dive orientation. Due to the rough seas, we postponed assembling our gear until the next morning.

01.09.2025 Morning – Dive 1: Vikingebugt– Check Dive

70° 21.819' N / 025° 16.507'W

Water temperature: 0-5°C



This morning, we anchored in Vikingebugt, on the southern corner of the little fjord going to the west.

This dive was supposed to be a check dive, so every diver could check out the weights and equipment. Visibility on the surface was max. 2m, but below 15m it opened up and the divers reported about 7m of visibility. After adjusting their weights, they went on for a dive. A lot of nice

creatures were seen. Big sea stars , sea fans different shrimps. Orange anemones sat on the sand and in the kelp some crabs were found. Happy we returned to the ship.



01.09.2025 Afternoon - Dive 2: Terrassevig/Terrasseodde

70°21.176'N / 024°46.692'W

Water temperature: 0-2°C



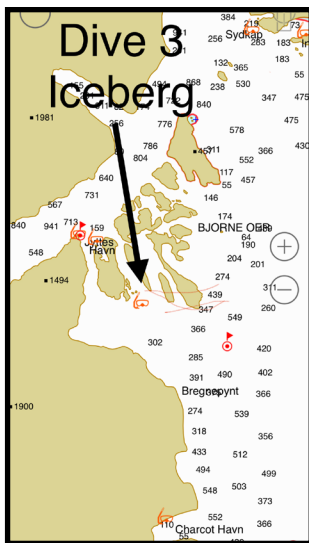
During Lunch the ship moved into Terrasevig, a deep fjord with a glacier at its end. The glacier was quite „dirty“ and so was the water. A lot of waterfalls with meltwater were coming down the rocks. But with our Zodiacs we drove back two the wide entrance, called Terrasseodden and the water became clearer. There were many big icebergs around that area, but we also found a nice dome-shaped one. This icebergs was very stable and not to high. It was perfect for us to dive on. Before the dive you could already see the very clear water. After the divers went in, we could see them put to 15m depth underwater. Underwater the iceberg was huge - remember 90% are under water! This iceberg also had a story. All the scallop patterns and canyons in the ice, showed the parts, that have already been under water. The blue stripes of transparent ice went on under water. Around the iceberg jellyfish, a big lion's mane jellyfish and sea angels were floating along. Visibility and the light were stunning! What a fantastic dive! After the dive some divers took the chance to go ashore and had a little walk.



02.09.2025 Morning – Dive 3: Bjørne Ør

71° 00.764' N / 025° 29.920'W

Water temperature: 0-9°C!



After plans changed in the morning, we decided to look for an iceberg a little bit further away from the islands. But before the expedition leader allowed us to have a look at the polar bear, which they had spotted on one of the islands. We found a nice dome-shaped iceberg south of the Bjørn Ør. The divers went in and were fascinated by the steep ice walls. 90% of the iceberg is under water and has many shapes and patterns. On one side the typical scallops, caused by the bubbles from the bottom of the berg. When the ice is melting, the bubbles „break free“ and get pushed around the icy surface by currents. They carve the typical patterns named as scallops and canyons. Around the iceberg were hundreds of ctenophores in the water column and also Sea butterflies and a Lion Mane Jellyfish. We enjoyed the beautiful sunshine during a little Zodiac cruise among the

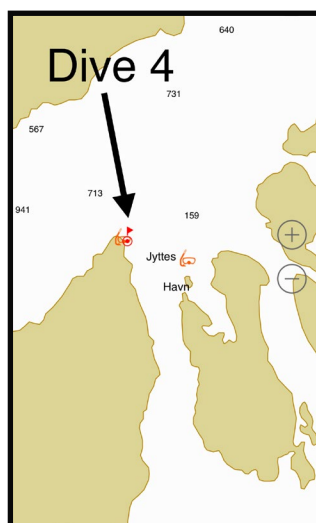


icebergs on the way back to the ship.

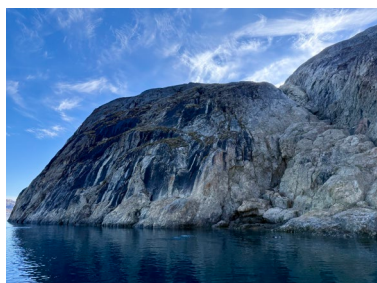
02.09.2024 Morning – Dive 4: Jyttes Havn/Milne Land

71° 05.029' N / 025° 41.867'W

Water temperature: -1 - 5°C



After the spectacular navigation through the narrow channel west of Milne Land, the ship anchored on the east side of jetties Havn. Our divest was at the northern tip of Milne Land. A nearly vertical wall with lots and lots of anemones and see stars in different colors. See urchins, tunicates, feather stars and brittle stars were all over the place. In the kelp we found snails, nudibranchs, copepods and a lot of different shrimps. The visibility was great and all divers returned with a happy smile on their face. After the dive 4 divers decided to go for a little hike ashore and had a nice encounter with 2 hares and a beautiful view over a fjord with beautiful icebergs. Perfect to have a little moment of arctic silence!

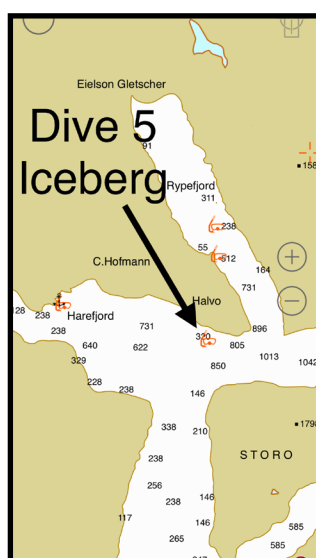


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03.09.2024 Morning – Dive 5: Harefjord/Iceberg

70° 54.629' N / 027° 42.873' W

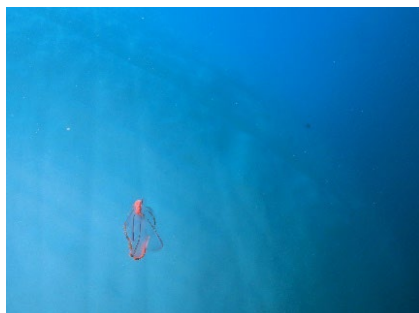
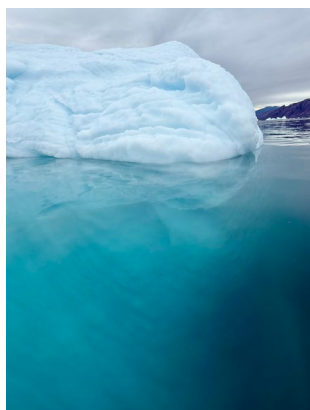
Water temperature: 0-6°C



When we sailed into Harefjord, it was filled with low clouds and fog in the distance. Our plan was to dive on a nice piece of ice again. So we scouted towards the entrance of the fjord. The first iceberg had many „balconies“ around the edges and a rock was on one side. No good idea to dive that berg, because the rock can slide and fall into the water. The second one was not stable and the third one seemed perfect. The divers went into the water and we could see them down to 10m. Visibility was really great. The berg had a beautiful structure under water. The patterns of scallops and canyons. In the water around the iceberg we saw again a lot of Ctenophores, also sea butterflies and sea angels. 2 divers were still under water, when the iceberg began to roll. The divers were called back by the revving of the engine and made a safe ascent. After towing them about 50m away from the iceberg, they jumped happy in the Zodiac. Then we went for a short Zodiac Cruise around 2

very special icebergs. One was white at the base part and totally covered with brown soil on the top.

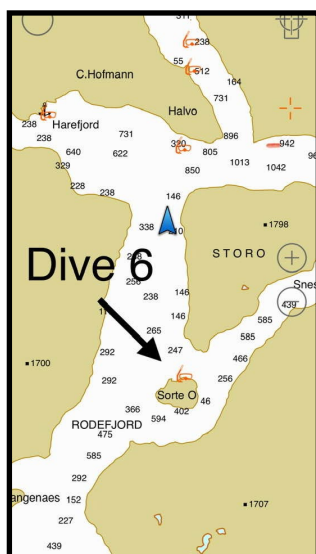
There was also a window in this berg. The other one was blue and transparent and looked like art! T



04.09.2024 Morning – Dive 6: Sorte Ø

70° 41.304' N / 027° 42.639'W

Water temperature: - 1 - 7°C



This morning we arrived at Sorte Ø - Black Island in the inner Rodefjord. This island has slopes on land and under water on the western side and steep cliffs and walls underwater on the northern side. First we headed . Our ship was angled at the northwestern edge of the island. We first went around the corner to the west side, because we got the information that 2 Musk boxes were there. We found them between rocks quite close to the waterline. But coming closer with the Zodiacs frightened them and they ran away. We checked the depth at different points and found out, that this side has a very gentle slope. But we wanted to look for a wall. So we went back to the northern side of the island. Steep cliffs came out of the water and at this spot we found also a nice wall under water. This wall was beautiful. Covered allover with anemones, sea stars, sponges, kelp and other algae. Between all this shrimps, Copepods, nudibranchs and

other invertebrates had their home. Visibility was great and at the safety stop the divers recognized a thermocline. After the dive we got back to the ship and the divers changed clothes. The plan was to go ashore and do the Polar Plunge. Of course without a dry suit!



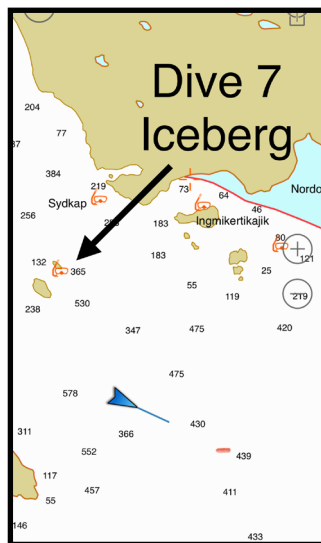


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05.09.2024 Morning – Dive 7: Sydkap/Iceberg

71° 15.221' N / 025° 12.732'W

Water temperature: 0 - 6°C



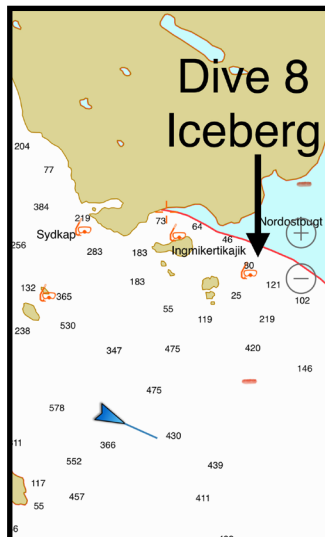
This morning arrived at Sydkap, where we stayed all day with the ship. The divers decided to dive again on an iceberg. We saw a really nice dome-shaped in the far distance between to small rocky islands. It took us nearly 20 min. to get there, but it was worth it. What a great iceberg! When we arrived, we already saw beautiful blue and transparent stripes in the ice and all the different patterns, like scallops, rips and canyons. Visibiltity was great and for all of the divers this was one of the best iceberg dives ever. Besides the structure and color of the iceberg, we also found ctenophores and shrimps all around. After the dives we went around some fantastic icebergs. There was also the one , which we used for our „Group Selfie“. A big arch with a light blue color and more really big blocks of ice!



05.09.2024 Afternoon – Dive 8: Ingmikertikajik/Iceberg

71° 15.995' N / 025° 12.280'W

Water temperature: 0 - 7°C



8 divers were ready for the last dive. And guess what, they wanted to dive on an iceberg! This time we searched east of MV Ortelius. It took some time to find a suitable iceberg. We found a very flat and long piece of ice with lots of small pieces of ice on top. On one side was a slope with like snowballs made of ice. We decided to take the other side for diving. Visibility looks d not very good and it wasn't. The divers tried to go deeper, to find better visibility. It improved a bit and the divers still enjoyed their dive. After the dive we all went on the iceberg and played around. It was very slippery but great fun! On the way back we drive close to shoer and found 2 groups of musk ox. There was also a group of houses, used by hunters of the nearby settlement of Ittoqqorttoormiit.

When we returned to the ship we cleaned all gear and hanged it in the helicopter hanger.

Now it can dry and get packed the next day, ready for your next dive adventure.



We would like to thank you for diving with us and wish you safe travels!



Hope to see you again on bord!

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