

Plancius 167 Dive Log 18th Sept to 25th Sept 2017. Scoresby Sund Greenland Arctic.



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The Journey begins

After making long flights to Iceland we were soon underway headlong into the storm, we eventually entered the shelter of Scorsbysund. in the safety of the sound we completed the mandatory briefings and kit setup.



Dive One 20th September 2017. Vikingebugt Scoresby Sund Greenland.070N 20.8 25 05.7W We completed a check dive where we checked our weight and equipment was In good order. Once this was complete we made a dive in this interesting site. We saw lots of Nudibranchs and sun stars on a rocky bottom. the visibility was good and the water reminded us we were diving in the polar seas being 2-3 degrees Celsius. In addition the stark contrast between above and below the water was very clear today, with thick cloud and snow flurries setting a perfect Arctic seen. The scenery above water was shrouded in cloud and Greenland seem unwilling, however, basalt columns rising from the sea towered above us forming majestic pillars of rock that disappeared into

the cloud..



Dive Two 21th September 2017 Rode Island, Scoresby Sund Greenland.

We moved overnight to Rode Island a very red island with an iceberg graveyard by it. We enjoyed the cruise to the site looking at very large icebergs in this perfect fjord in great light. We then kitted up and went for a zodiac cruise in-between the cathedral like ice. Then we made a dive on a smaller piece of ice. The visibility was superb with 50 foot visibility being enjoyed throughout. This was a splendid piece of ice and the light again added a new dimension. Lots of small animals lived on the ice and these made an isolated community on this icy world.



Dive Three 21th September 2017 Iceberg, Rype Fjord Scoresby Sund Greenland.

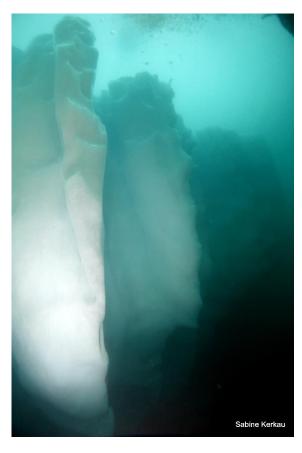
After a great morning enjoying a ships cruise to the landing site we kitted up and left the ship to dive and interesting headland. After a short zodiac trip we dropped into the icy grips of the water to find a world kelp, hiding a wealth of marine creature. out of the shallows it was clear that icebergs had recently scoured the area. As always the visit was limited by our bodies and equipment and it was time to return to the surface and back to the ship. We got back on-board, to enjoy a great evening BBQing on the aft deck in this lovely spot. It also appears a lot of people can dance as well as they dive !!!!



Dive Four 22nd September 2017 JytteHaun, Scoresby Sund .71.05.100N 25 41.938W

By popular demand we hunted for more icebergs to dive, surrounded by giant mountains towering into the cloud. After a short search we eventually found the ideal beast to dive ,secretly hiding at the back of the bay . To everyone's surprise this small inconspicuous iceberg, became an ice giant underwater, occupied a full 30 minutes to circumnavigate. Around the iceberg jellyfish encircled the ice like an honour guard. After the dive we headed across the bay to join the landing party for a team photo and important diplomatic work .





Dive Five 22nd September 2017 Sydkap Scoresby Sund, Greenland.

After lunch still enthused by ice we kitted up again and headed out on a short ride on the Zodiacs to a small Iceberg to make a dive. The iceberg was ragged old and wonderfully shaped, giving but an insights into the wonders that lay beneath. underwater the iceberg formed and complex system of vertical cavasses, fins and caverns. however other older sections for flat beach like areas, where small krill fed on the algae growing on the ice.

everyone returned to the surface smiling and eager to swap, thoughts on what the ice reminded them of. some people said Caribbean beach, others magical caverns.

on route back to the boat we had time to make a detour to a nearby outpost nestled in a backdrop of autumn oranges , red and dark moss greens.

Dive Six 23rd September 2017 Hurry Inlet, Scoresby Sund.70 29.591N 22 24.217W-+

At 8.45 am it was time again to get kitted up for our final dive of the trip. We soon had our kit ready to board the boats and dive. Our dive site was shelving away from the snow covered shore. We entered into 25ft of water and we descended to the bottom, leaving behind the falling snow. The bottom was made up of rocks from a glacial moraine, with a slight covering of weed. We didn't see a lot of life, just the occasional fish, but the visibility was good for making photos. Soon it was time to

return to the surface. We climbed back onto the boats and made a short landing with the rest of the guests, then returned to the ship ready to dekit and get ready for lunch.



Final thoughts

As dive guides we seen many new faces and diving locations, but every trip is made unique and special by the people that join us. We enjoy guiding you to location that people really get to dive and seeing the excitement that provides.

Thank you all for such an excellent trip and making are job so easy and enjoyable. Hope to see you all diving again in the future........

Michael Green, Ashley Cordingley Stefan Brand

Dive Statistics

As divers we all like to know the statistics behind each dive, how long, how much air we used and how many cakes where eaten.

As a group we logged 1155 minutes underwater or 19hr of dive time, using $35724 \, \text{L}$ air on an average SAC rate of 20L a minutes.

Individual Divers

	Totals			
	Average	Total Dive	Total Air	
	Depth	Time	used	SAC
Kerkau-Haberlandt Sabine Renate	12.33333	66	200	24.57002
Schubart Uwe	11.33333	156	400	22.62443
Khan Ehsan Karim Ortwin	12.8	165	550	26.04167
Süß Helge	12.4	171	277	13.06357
Lippert Tilo W	12.5	174	335	15.4023
Otto Alexej	12.5	175	480	21.94286
Castanares Gil Domingo Salvador	13.66667	169	400	17.31852
Robert	16.33333	79	335	25.96228

Group

Group Average					
Depth	Time	Air	SAC		
12.98333	256.6667	372.125	20.86571		

