

DIVELOG OCEANWIDE EXPEDITIONS

PLA12-24 East Greenland, Scoresby Sund

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31.8. and 01.09.2024 – Embarkation Day and at Sea:

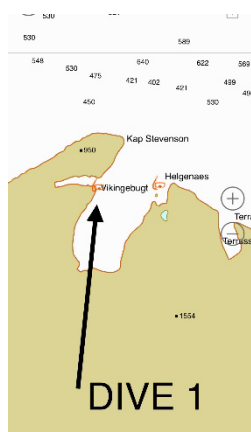
After boarding the ship, we attended our first safety briefing and an emergency exercise. Our Expedition Leader, Ali, informed us about the trip's plans, and then we had a toast on our voyage with the captain.

We spent the next day at sea and had enough time for the mandatory briefing, including our dive briefing. Because of the rough sea, we did not assemble our gear. Instead, this was done the following morning.

02.09.2024 Morning – Dive 1: Vikingebugt– Check Dive

70° 21.819' N / 025° 16.507' W

Water temperature: 1-5°C



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

This dive was supposed to be a check dive so every diver could check their weights and equipment. Visibility was up to 3m. After adjusting their weights, the divers began to explore. A lot of interesting creatures were seen. The seafloor was covered with Arctic scallops the size of a small coin. Some of them were swimming around in front of our masks. We saw big sea stars, sea fans, and a large snail in the kelp. Orange anemones sat on the

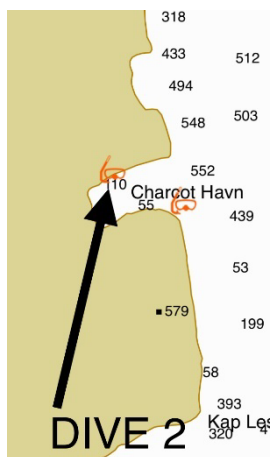
sand, and coming up to the shallow waters, we could find shrimps and crabs in the kelp. After the dive, there was enough time to experience a little Zodiac cruise along the gigantic basalt columns of Vikingebugt. The whole fjord was also filled with icebergs of the nearby glacier!



02.09.2024 Afternoon – Dive 2: Charcot Havn

70° 47.422' N / 025° 25.305' W

Water temperature: 0°-5°C

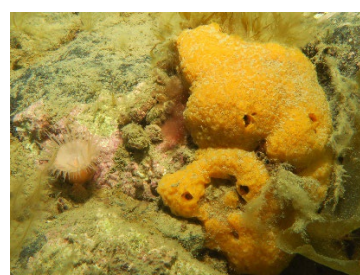


After sailing north to Charcot Havn, we prepared for our second dive in Greenland. Charcot Haven is a short fjord on the western side of Hall Bredning.

We dived on the northern side of this fjord. A shallow slope with sand and mud at the bottom showed us some nice invertebrates and even some fish. Sea feathers, starfish, scallops and a goby fish were seen. The visibility was more than 5 m below 11m depth and the divers extended the dive to 35 minutes.

After the dive, some of the divers decided to go ashore and explore on land. The others ventured back to the ship and enjoyed the rest of the afternoon in the lounge, where they had a look at their pictures.

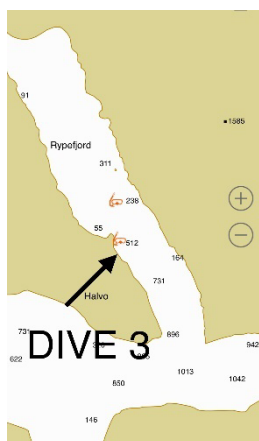
This was a successful first day of diving!



03.09.2024 Morning – Dive 3: Rypefjord

70° 59.169' N / 027° 41.139' W

Water temperature: -1-3°C



This morning, we woke up in Rypefjord. This Fjord features the Eielson Glacier and interesting concrete-like hills on the western shore. Just south of those formations is a little nose of rocky land. Here we went in the water for our dive Nr. 3. Visibility was only up to 2m, but we could see a wall between 4 and 15m with a lot of anemones and tunicates. In between, were big leaves of brown kelp. In this kelp divers found snails, shrimps and mini sea stars. The temperature at the depth of 16m went below zero and it was not easy to keep hands warm. On the way up, the temperatures increased and went up to a warm 3°C!

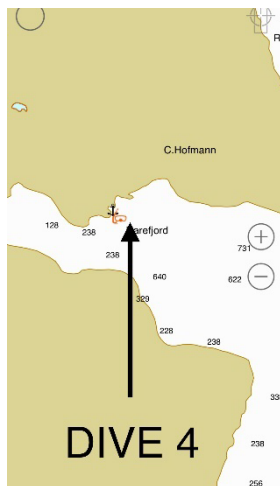
After the dive, some divers decided to go ashore and walk through the beautiful Greenlandic tundra! Others went back to the ship, and tanks were filled, ready for more diving adventures to come!



03.09.2024 Afternoon – Dive 4: Harefjord/Iceberg

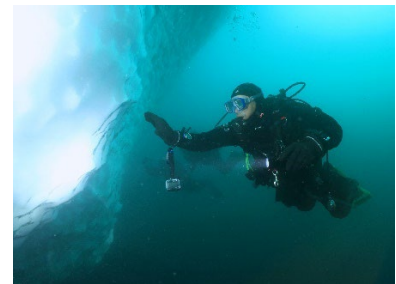
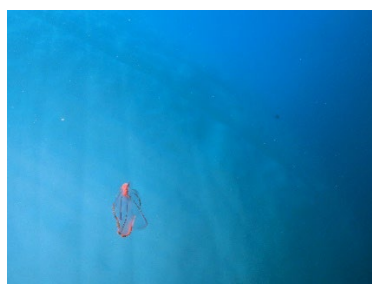
70° 56.542' N / 028° 06.831'W

Water temperature: 1-6°C



The sun was shining and we anchored *Plancius* in a bay full of icebergs. The activities for this afternoon were Zodiac Cruising, a shore landing within a perimeter and diving. The dive team split into two groups. One group proceeded up the hill and the others looked for an iceberg to dive on. Henrik found a nicely stable berg and the four divers went in. The sun was reflecting onto the ice, creating fantastic interplays of light. The visibility was fantastic, and there was a lot of life around the ice. We saw many different jelly fish, snails, shrimps and sea angels!

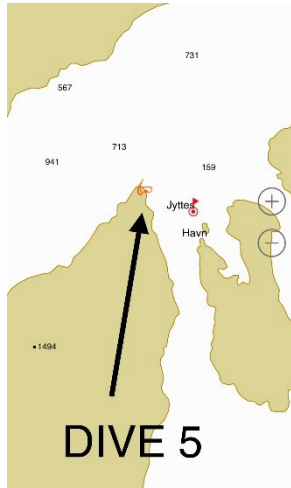
What a great dive! After the dive, we went ashore and hiked in the colorful tundra. It was nice to sit down and enjoy the sun. Some took the chance to run up the hill and get some exercise! It was a great view from the top of the mountain.



04.09.2024 Morning – Dive 5: Jyttes Havn/Milne Land

71° 05.029' N / 025° 41.867' W

Water temperature: 2-5°C



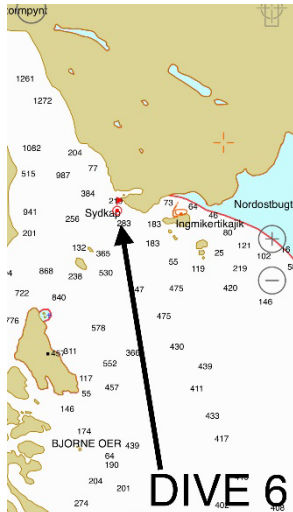
Jyttes Havn at Bear Island welcomed us with a lot of fog and low clouds. This meant we couldn't safely go ashore, but Ali instead offered a Zodiac cruise. So, the divers had a chance to dive a fantastic wall opposite in the northern tip of Milne Land. There was a current from south to north, so we dropped the divers a little south of the tip. They all had big smiles on their faces when, sometime later, they surfaced. Visibility was great and the wall full of colors. Pink algae, yellow, orange and red anemones, feather stars, sea urchins and copepods and little shrimps were everywhere. After the dive, we took part in a short Zodiac cruise around the icebergs in the bay.



04.09.2024 Afternoon – Dive 6: Sydkap / Island Ingmikertikajik

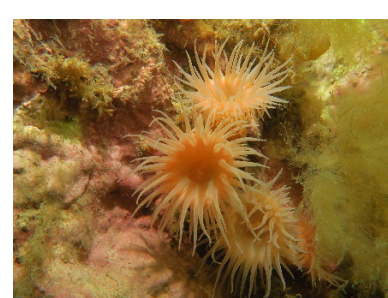
71° 17.269' N / 024° 58.853' W

Water temperature: 1-5°C



After we sailed to the north, we arrived at Sydkap and anchored between the southern tip of Scoresby Land and the Island of Ingmikertikajik. This looked like a nice dive site for the afternoon dive. Only three divers decided to dive. The others wanted to take the opportunity for a medium and a long hike.

The divers went to the northern coast of Ingmikertikajik. A steep wall, followed by some boulders and a lot of kelp formed the bulk of the underwater landscape. Again we could safely christen this Anemone's Wall. We also saw a lot of sea urchins, bridle stars, sea stars, snails and a big seaspider. The kelp was also home to a lot of tiny young fish. After 36 minutes, the divers surfaced and were quite cold. So we returned directly to the ship!



06.09.2024 Morning – Dive 7: Romer Fjord

69° 44.344' N / 023° 44.450' W

Water temperature: 0-4°C



After we left the Scoresby Sund yesterday evening, we sailed south to the Romer Fjord. The morning started with significant rolling of the ship and dense fog all around. But when we started our operations, the sun was nearly coming out. The divers went in on the southern side of a small island in the middle of the fjord. A steep slope fell away, covered with algae and kelp. Lots of anemones formed communities on the boulders. Large snails, nudibranchs, and skeleton shrimps made the divers happy! There were also black winged snails everywhere. The whole sea bottom was full of shrimps of all kinds. After 40 minutes the divers surfaced with a happy smile.

We overheard expedition leader Ali informed all Zodiacs that there was an interesting animal at the end of the Fjord. We decided to have a look. A

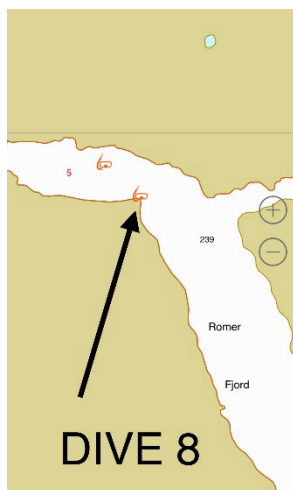
polar bear was lying in the green grass, watching us. The end of the Fjord features mountains exceeding 1000 meters in height, and we enjoyed the beautiful sun and blue sky!



06.09.2024 Afternoon – Dive 8: Rømer Fjord / Hot springs

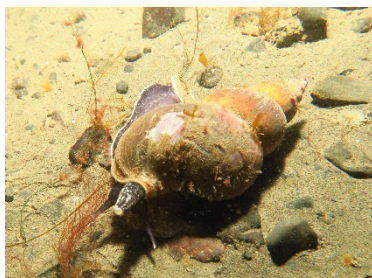
69° 43.705' N / 023° 2.368' W

Water temperature: 0-5°C



We were ready for the last dive of this trip. The other passengers went ashore to have a look at the hot springs. We decided to dive on a cliff just east of the landing site. The shore went down with a moderate to steep slope. The rocky bottom was covered with big leaves of kelp. In this kelp, you find a totally hidden world. You need to switch your eyes onto macro mode and you can see tiny lumpsuckers, seasnails, skeleton shrimps, snails of different sizes and colors. A large sculpin was also hiding in the kelp. After we surfaced, the plan was to go ashore. But during this 30 minute dive, the weather had completely changed. Thick fog rolled off the mountains and the landing was canceled. We made our way back to the ship, not easy in the fog!

Now, it was time to rinse the gear and hang everything to dry!



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

We hope to see you again on board!

