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EXPEDITIONS

Hondius 17th – 25th September 2019 **Scoresby Sund, Greenland Arctic**

Dive Team: Leader- Henrik Enckell, Dive Guide – Catherine Buckland

Divers: Eugeniusz Buchczyk, Dorota Cymerys, Peter Habermann, Lynn Miner, Catherine De-Lara, John De-Lara, Daniel Moreira

After an easy crossing across the Denmark Strait, the divers were up early the first morning to prepare their equipment and get ready for their first dive in Greenland!

Dive One 19th September 2019 – Vikingebugt **N 70° 21'37** **W 25° 15'50**

It was a snowy and overcast morning for our first dive which we did at a place called Vikingebugt. This was to make sure our weights were correct and all equipment had survived the journey. There was around 5-6 metres visibility with a reasonably obvious halocline where the fresh water from the nearby glacier was mixing with the salt water. Lots of brittle stars, tunicates and queen scallops accompanied us for our dive. Afterwards some of the divers had a short zodiac cruise to admire the scenery including the interesting basalt columns rising from the sea to form majestic pillars.



Dive Two 19th September 2019 PM – Danmark Ø
N 70° 27'14.59
W 26° 17'58.55

After a warming lunch we made our way to Danmark Ø, while the other guests made their way onto land for a walk Henrik was choosing a dive site. This site has been dived before but sometimes it is guess work as to what the dive will be like this time! It turns out he had picked a great site, the wall that was dived was covered in lots of colourful tunicates, stalked jellyfish and an abundance of life compared to what was on the wall above it in the air. Good visibility of an easy 10 m gave the divers a lovely drift dive in the cold water.



Photo: John & Catherine De Lara

Dive three 20th September 2019 Røde Ø
N 70° 28'25
W 28° 4'27

Our dive for the day was on ice. This was the first experience of icebergs for some and certainly didn't disappoint. The colours and different textures of the ice were amazing to see. The water was definitely Arctic being 1 degree by the ice. It was also our first experience of the changes



in buoyancy that come from being near the melting freshwater ice. The weather was really being kind and on the surface the sun was shining brilliantly on the red coloured mountains, contrasting well with the white and blue ice.

Photo: Dan Moreira

Dive Four 21st September 2019 Sydkap

N 71° 17'30

W 25° 2'20

In the afternoon the dive team split and one half dived a rocky wall and the other went in search for some more ice. We were lucky enough to find another stunning piece of ice suitable for diving on in this attractive fjord. The visibility was again fantastic and we saw many shrimps moving around on the ice as well as various planktonic life in the water column. Now we were experienced around ice we could enjoy ourselves playing in this strange but beautiful environment. The divers who chose rock enjoyed seeing an arctic fox just before their dive! Once back at the ship we enjoyed a wonderful BBQ on the back deck of the Hondius, watching our dive site disappear into the sunset.



Photo: Catherine De Lara



Photo: Dan Moriera

Dive Five 22nd September 2019 Turner Sund

N 69° 42'52

W 23° 37'23

For our last dive on the trip we made our way into Turner Sund, this is mostly uncharted with very little information on it. Most of the expedition team including the dive team had never been here before, so a truly expedition style end to our diving. Henrik checked the bottom topography and the divers were dropped in around 10 m, it seemed to slope down



Photo: Catherine & John De Lara

gently in some places and then very steeply in others. The visibility was quite milky which was surprising as there was no glacier nearby, the bottom had quite a lot of kelp on it until around 20m when it then turned to a rocky bottom. Lots of small critters accompanied the divers for their last dive in this varied seascape.

Thank you for diving with the team and with Oceanwide Expeditions. Safe diving for the future!

