SALSA ON ICE REPORT: 11 December 2017

Weather:
Mostly Cloudy, Winds East @ 12mph, temperature minus 9°C

SALSA Traverse Team on Ice: Steve Zellerhoff, Kevin Williams, Fabian Valdez, Allen O’Bannon, James King

SALSA E&O on Ice: Billy Collins

Traverse and E&O Update
  • Today was spent in crevasse rescue training with equipment operator James King and mountaineer Allen O’Bannon. James and Allen willfully shared their combined knowledge as we worked through different rescue scenarios to get the team up to speed.
  • Due to the bad weather, the scheduled flight did not arrive further delaying the arrival of our batteries.
  • After training, I had an hour and half before dinner to take a run up to Hut Point Ridge and capture some more photos of the ice and surrounding landscape. I brought my video tripod along, however the point and ridge were far too windy to capture any usable footage.
  • The SALSA traverse made lots of progress, covering 67.5 miles and are now 253.5 miles away from Camp 20.
  • Report by Billy Collins