SALSA ON ICE REPORT: 12 December 2017

Weather:
Cloudy, Winds Light and Variable, temperature minus 2C

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

- Except for environmental training this morning, most of today was spent organizing video equipment, and sorting out my cargo/baggage for the upcoming Twin Otter flight to Camp 20.
- The batteries still have not arrived, but fingers are crossed for clear weather tomorrow!
- I had more help from equipment operator James King who gave me a hand picking out the appropriate gear to bring on the traverse. I requested a lot of equipment this fall but it turns out the traverse already has most everything I need!
- I met with Mike from the Antarctic Sun who was kind enough to give some very helpful advice for how to keep video gear safe while out in the field. It turns out that static electricity is so great here that you can fry a camera by just touching it. He let me know that this can thankfully be avoided by touching metal objects to release the static charge before touching any electronics.
- After meeting with Mike, it was somehow already 5:30pm. I noticed the winds had calmed a bit so I made my out to hut point to capture some footage!
- The traverse is making progress and is scheduled to arrive in Camp 20 on Sunday the 17th.

Report by Billy Collins
Shooting some B-Roll at Hut Point