SALSA ON ICE REPORT: 13 December 2017
Weather:
Snow, Winds East at 10mph, temperature minus -6C

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Traverse and E&O Update
  • Today was spent completing the last of my mandatory trainings and
    continuing to prepare myself and my video and audio equipment for the field.
  • This morning was very windy which prevented any shooting. I waited for the
    winds to die down and visibility to improve and at 4:00 after I finished my
    light vehicle training, conditions were looking better so took our main camera,
    a Sony FS7 with our larger tripod down to Hut Point to try and improve upon
    the footage I shot yesterday. I was met with windy conditions which made
    steady filming a challenge. While I was filming some seals who were
    uncharacteristically active, winds picked up, snow began to fall, and visibility
    started dropping. With all my safety trainings fresh in mind, I decided it
    would be best to turn around and head back to MCM.
  • The batteries still have not arrived, but I am making do with my backup FS7
    battery I carried with me and my backup camera.
  • The SALSA traverse is still expected to arrive in Camp 20 on Sunday.
  • Report by Billy Collins

Weather moving in at Hut Point.