

THE WEEKLY ARTISTIC LEADER REPORT
Polar Night: December -January 2007-2008

INTRODUCTION

What is there to report? The truth? There are many truths. 10 people are put into a previously unknown room for one minute. They are taken out and then asked to describe what was in the room.

No two people have the same description. Likewise, one person is put into the same room for one minute 10 times. The description is never the same.

This report is the last report of the year. Maybe the last of the expedition. I don't feel like reporting anymore. I'm not good at it. I'm too emotional. The facts as I see them are not facts at all.

This report may be about the end. The boat turned around at some point in the middle of the night. What used to be north, south, east and west in previous reports doesn't exist anymore. I think it is hour 80 but I can't be sure. The starting date has been forgotten. This report may be about control. About not having any control-control being a place to exercise one's dominance over another, a place to invite people to witness expertise, a place to impart knowledge or just a practical happenstance in life of knowing how to do something. I leave one realm and enter another and another. Eating less than the others is a form of rebellion, of gaining control and I think that maybe I might do what would be a mutinous act: refuse dessert. I tried this out today by not eating any sausage put on my plate-with a range of reactions: "can I have it?" What won't you eat it? and she doesn't like it. I didn't have the guts to refuse dessert and it looked so good that I ate half, and instead of causing a riot by putting it back on the cutting board, I took the other half with me, to eat at another time. It as if I am waking up from being brainwashed--i took a look at myself the other day and said-this is not my body, this is not the way I eat, this is not....**--written hour 080 (somewhere at the end of December)**

Perhaps my reliability as narrator over the past 2 months of polar night should be called into question: today upon spending an hour outside with some of my companions, rolling around in the snow with the dogs, dancing and lying on our backs watching the moon, with a twilight that felt like a blazing sun and and maybe I have missed the sun a little bit after all. **--January 17, 2008**

**The artist would like to begin this WALreport with a: SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES ON BOARD
(this section will primarily concern itself with the artistic endeavors of the AL and not the daily coup de main given for the general maintenance of t) INCLUDING:**

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SMALL MOVEMENTS AND GEOMETRIES

1. Log of Limits

Hour 072 tribord side accessible, boat tied to ice, 250 footsteps all around

Hour 080 babord side , small walkable area, crispy snow, sufficient room to tie up dogs and collect snow for water,
tribord side-not descendable ice cracked in many parts, looks like a stone garden path
little open water, no reflections

Hour 083 no movement possible off of the boat, walk dogs on bridge of boat

Hour 84 the same

Hour 087 tribord side accessible: floating piece of ice plaque, which moved slow enough to walk dogs-
50 footsteps repeated 5 times

Hour 088 the same

11.1.08 possible to walk around the boat

12.1.08 possible to walk around the boat

13.1.08 possible to walk around the boat

14.1.08 possible to walk around the boat

15.1.08 possible to walk around the boat (but not advisable)

16.1.08 possible to walk around the boat (but not advisable)

17.1.08 possible to play rugby around the boat

SMALL MOVEMENTS & GEOMETRIES

2. Arctic Circles

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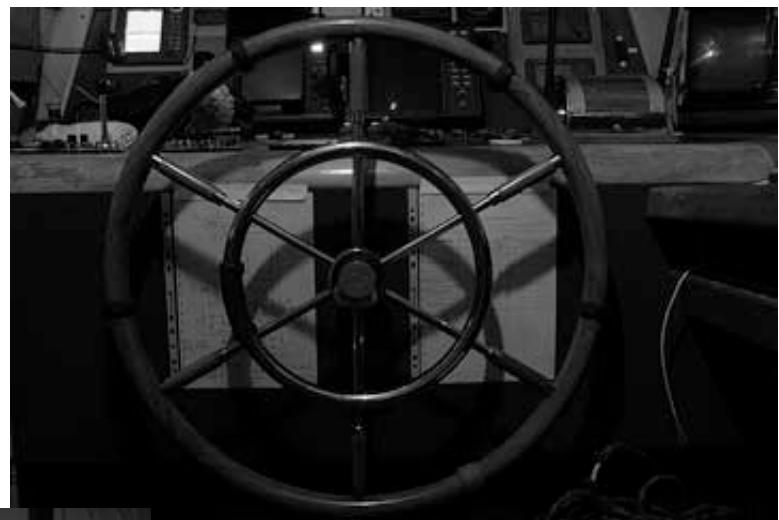


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SMALL MOVEMENTS & GEOMETRIES

3. WORK JOURNAL

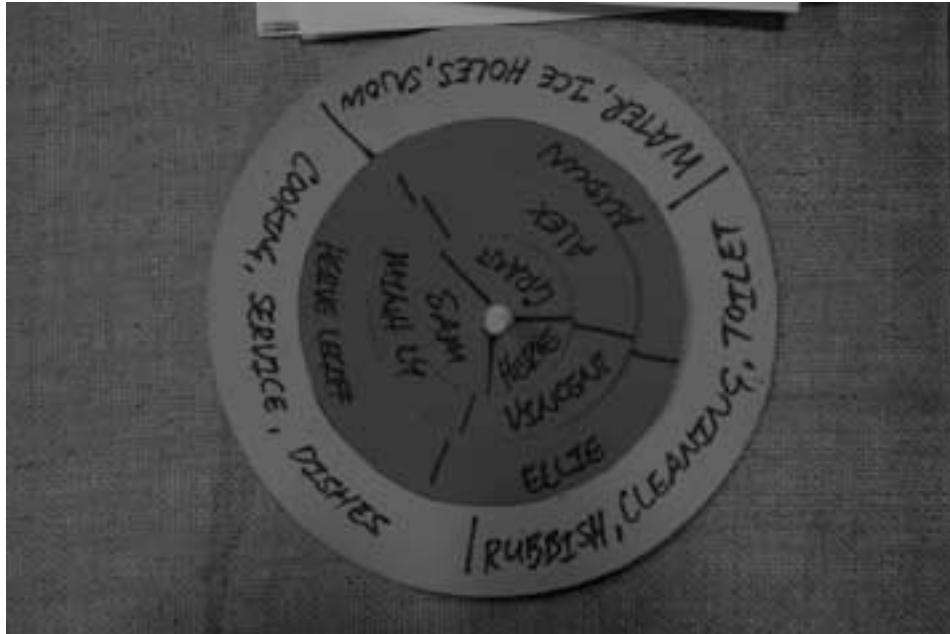
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clockwise from top: 1. Tracks from pulling puka of filled with snow for drinking water 2. a chainsaw works best for maintaining holes in cold conditions 3. a little community spirit--mending the tear in Ikea snow bag.

WORK JOURNAL

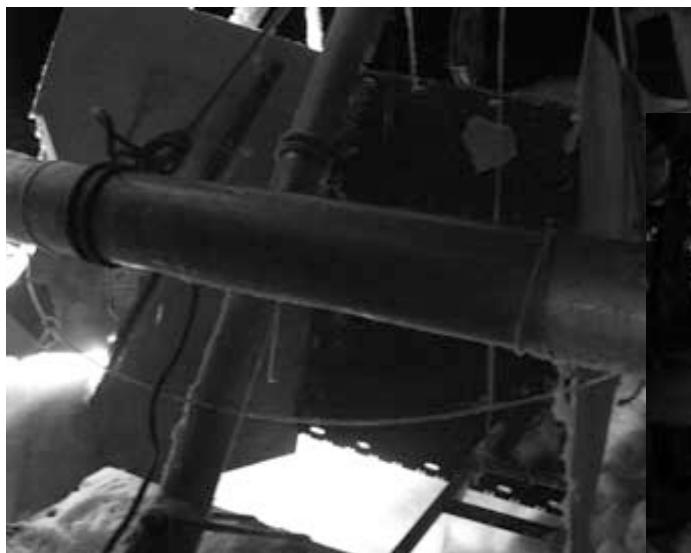


excerpt from work journal, Christmas eve

I like the weeks I am on water duty. Going outside picking ice carrying in bulging bags of snow to big to fit through the door. boiling water to melt the snow. keeping an eye on the levels all day. This morning I bring in some snow and I check the water levels in the heated box in the engine room--it looks low. I dont understand why Grant is changing the water bucket. I mean it's my job and he's not on my team. So I keep working-filling the other snow bucket and I've got one eye on him because he seems to want to do my job. I mean he should know better-especially after the talk we had the other day--can't I just be left alone to do my work? There are so many fucking bosses around here. Then Audun starts fussing with the water buckets too. What the hell is going on around here? I drag a water bucket down into the engine room to dump the excess water into the heated box. I come back up and into the kitchen. I can't take it anymore, all these people minding my job for me and I ask Grant why he feels the need to do my work for me. He laughs and says that it is Monday, that this isnt my job anymore. With all the parties we have been having I lost track of the days and we always switch our communal tasks on Monday. He could tell right away that I did not know it was Monday but he let me continue doing the work..he enjoyed watching me getting more and more pissed off.

Measurements

1. Toilets : September 2007- January 1, 2008



1a



1b



2.



3.

1. The newest toilet, *Deep Trout*, a ladder placed horizontally passed the ass of the boat allows for freedom of usage independent from the moving ice (1a, view south, 1b, exterior view).
2. The first toilet, June 2007 80 metres north of the boat, built of wood, with circular window to allow in light.
3. The second toilet (*The Impenetrable*) made from ice bricks, after the Northeast section of the camp floated away. Sadly *The Impenetrable* lasted only 2 days before the ice broke again.

Measurements- January 1, 2008

2. When time stands still

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The images here would have shown that in the majority of watch advertisements
the watch face appears as 10:10

Measurements

3. The Weather

The Weather from Skyfile.com

Re: "The Weather-it will remain"

Re: "Waves Prediction: I don't know when"

Ice Around

Weather

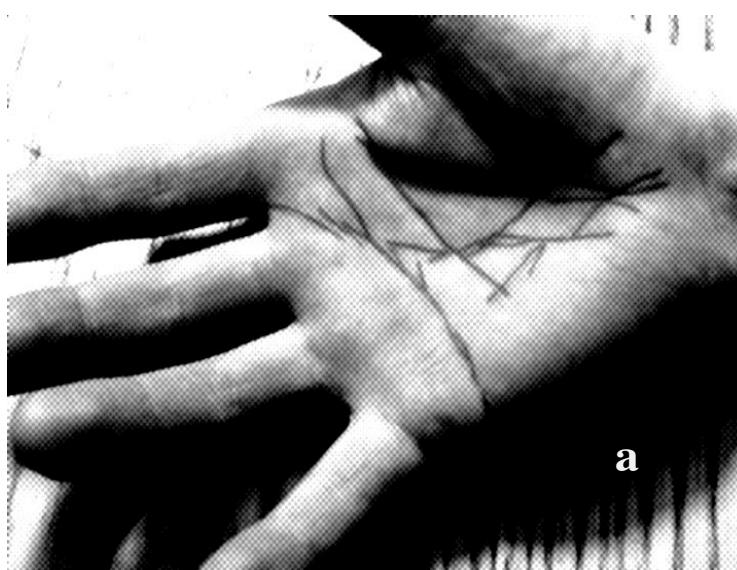
A picture of yesterday...position is not correct

Forecast: you will get closer to the greenland sea

Ice

Measurements

3. The Future



a



b

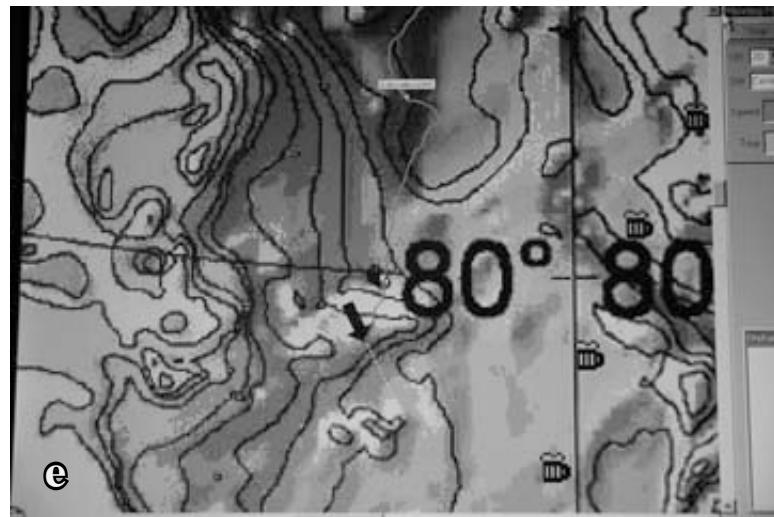


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from left to right: a) taranaut hand #1, b) installation of rudder means boat is ready to navigate c) taranaut hand #2 d) satellite photo of ice edge e) the path of the boat f) taranaut hand #3 g) Tarot-a game both secular and divine h) taranaut hand #4 i) fissures in ice indicate imminent reduction of our physical world j) fishing for plankton may reveal important knowledge of sea changes k) here today, gone tomorrow: to the left the moon, to the right a glow from the sun 6 degrees below the horizon

TARA LEXIQUE

- A** Aurora Audun Aubade Accordéon Attendant
B Bateau Banquis Bonhomme de Neige Bachuin Brioche
C Chiens CTD Cuisine
Derive Dejenier
D
E Etoiles Expédition Ellie
F Fiole Frazil Farine
G Grant Glace GPS Generateur Goelette
H Hervé Hervé
I Ikea Icom
J Joue de Feu Jaune
K Kerosene Kaptsch
L Leone Leaking Limite
M Marmite Manteaux Minh-Ly Marion
N Nuit Niege
O Ours Oiseaux
Pasta Prévoir Pain Pelter Plonger Pc-Comm Pommes
P
Q Quart
R Regle Royal Gala
S Soleil Sam Sash Sucre
T Tara Toilette 1, 2 and 3, Tarot, Tracteur Tiksi
U
V Utensile de Cuisine
Vincent Velcro
W Winch
X
Y Xtrex
Yo-Yo Yagout
Z Zebra Zagrey



PINHOLE CAMERA PHOTOGRAPHY
will try again

1,000 IMAGES
DISCONTINUED

OTHER NOTES:

continue to submit files/maps to dispatch in nyc, submit french journal and photos once a week to alliance francaise, nyc

GENERAL MALAISE & TRANSGRESSIONS

Ever since the ban on washing clothes went into effect, stealing chocolate during the night watch has now been replaced by washing a few pieces of underwear in the middle of the night. It was brought to my attention this morning that I was using the cup of the Chief of the expedition and that I have done so repeatedly. It was also brought to my attention that I have used at least 4 different mugs since my arrival.

FAMOUS FIRSTS

Je me fou.

OTHER STATISTICS

I walk the streets of love, for a thousand years. Chess is a game which originated in India. The first submarine had wheels which were operated by hand. It takes one molecule 3,000 years to travel from the Arctic sea down past the equator and back up again. Putin and Prince of Monaco vacationing in Siberia. Carla and Sarko to be married on February 9th. We regret to hear the news that...In America penises are cut and the soul is located in the sternum. Hobbies are defined as an activity wherein you allocated 1/10 of your time. 2/10 is a pastime having now made the transition into a floating retirement home.

TO DO:

attendre, one more photo of the night watch

COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED:

Thursday 17 January 2008

75°07' North 10° West

-16° celcius



