



**SAILING THE TOP OF THE WORLD**  
**ARTS & SCIENCES RESEARCH EXPEDITION**  
**SVALBARD ARCHIPELAGO**

**"SAILING LOG"**

**10.06 - 24.06.2019**

**by Sandra Hawkins**

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## Circumpolar Map – Svalbard Expedition and Canadian Central Arctic Locations



### About “The Arctic Circle” Organization

The Arctic Circle ([www.theartcticcircle.org](http://www.theartcticcircle.org)) is a not-for-profit artist and scientist led annual expeditionary residency program now having sailed its 11<sup>th</sup> year. It brings together 30 – 32 international artists of all disciplines, scientists, architects, and educators who collectively explore the High-Arctic Svalbard Archipelago and Arctic Ocean aboard The Antigua (Dutch), a traditionally rigged 3-mast Barquentine tall ship. It measures 165 ft. long with 16 fully equipped cabins, has 7 crew, and 4 Guides to ensure safe landing excursions using two Zodiac dinghies. Participant selection is competitive, drawing from hundreds of applications from around the world, requiring a letter of research intent, visual supports, curriculum vitae and letters of reference. Participants are responsible for their own fees and transportation. The Arctic Circle organization provides related follow-up facilitation of exhibitions, publishing and international collaborations. While sailing experience is not necessary, participants have the opportunity to help with crewing.

# Svalbard Archipelago and Expedition Routes

Note: log information is as provided by Arctic Circle Organization



## **MONDAY 10.06 ISFJORDEN : LONGYEARBYEN - SOUTH**

6°C, clear and calm day, sea like a mirror in Isfjorden, wind variable force 1, later in the evening when sailing south, NW 3-4.

14:00 – Welcome aboard S/V Antigua.

16:30 - Introduction to the crew and life on board.

Safety briefing.

18:05 – Let go Longyearbyen. Sailing South.

23:00 – Sails up – Staysail1 (S1), Lower topsail (LT), Upper topsail (UT), Topgallant (TG), Course (C)

## **TUESDAY 11.06 HORNSUND : GNÅLODDEN – SAMARINVÅGEN**

7°C, Clear all day, NW2 calming down to Variable 1, mirror like sea in the evening.

05:00 – Speed <2 knots, sails down.

12:30 – Anchor down Gnålodden 77°00'21 N, 013°51'82 E.

14:00 – Landing Gnålodden. Mountain Gnålberget, 759 m.

- Hut Fuglefjellhytta, secondary station used by female trapper, Wanny Wolstad, in 1932 - 1937, built 1907 or 1908.
- 19:00 – Anchor up.

21:00 – Anchor down Samarinvågen 76°56'13 N, 016°14'09 E.

22:00 – Scouting zodiac guides.

## **WEDNESDAY 12.06 HORNSUND: SAMARINVÅGEN – BREPOLLEN : TVIRYGGEN-NORTH**

3-4°C, clear and calm, wind Variable 0-1 during the day, changing to W3 in the late afternoon, increasing in the evening.

08:00 – Polar bear swimming close to the ship!

09:00 – Zodiac cruises Samarinvågen. Glacier Samarinbreen.  
Mountain Hornsundtind, 1431 m.

14:05 – Anchor up.

16:15 – Anchor down Brepollen, Tviryggen 77°00'12 N, 016°32'02 E. 16:30 – Long and short hike in moraines.

19:40 – Anchor up, sailing North.

**THURSDAY 13.06 BELLSUND : RECHERCHEBREEN – MIDTERHUKFJELLET  
FRIDTJOVHAMNA**

3-4°C, overcast! NW 2-3 during the night changing to WNW 2 and later W2 during the day, calm Variable 1 in the evening.

08:00 – Anchor down Recherchefjorden 77°29'5 N, 014°41'1 E.

09:00 – Landing Recherchebreen – glacial lagoon.

14:30 – Landing, hike to glacier Recherchebreen.

18:30 – Anchor up 20:30 – Passing Midterhukfjellet – clearly visible folds. 21:00 – Presentations.

21:45 – Anchor down Fridtjovhamna 77°46'18 N, 014°34'92 E.

**FRIDAY 14.06 BELLSUND : FRIDTJOVHAMNA – NORTH**

8°C, clear and sunny morning, seafood during the afternoon. Day starting with almost no wind, Variable 1, increasing slightly to SW 1-2 and turning NW in the evening.

09:00 – Walk and landing up with view over glacier Fridtjovbreen.

Zodiac cruise and short landing entrance Fridtjovhamna.

13:30 – Anchor up. Sailing North.

15:00 – Sea fog!

21:00 - Presentations.

**SATURDAY 15.06 KROSSFJORDEN : LILLIEHÖÖKFJORDEN : LILLIEHÖÖKBREEN**

Fresh morning 1°C, quite overcast clearing up during the day, calm to start with, NW 3 in the afternoon, NW 5 in the evening.

02:00 – Fog lifts. Forlandet visible.

04:40 – Anchor down Möllerfjorden 79°16'4 N, 011°54'3 E. 05:00 – That was actually tomorrows destination, anchor up. 06:50 – Anchor down Lilliehöökreen 79°19'39 N, 011°45'65 E. 09:00 – Landing SE Lilliehöökfjorden.

14:15 – Anchor up.

14:15 – Project zodiac cruises all afternoon. Lilliehöökreen calving enormously.

21:00 – Presentations.

23:00 – Anchor down Möllerfjorden 79°16'94 N, 011°57'1 E.

**SUNDAY 16.06 KROSSFJORDEN : MÖLLERFJORDEN : LLOYDS HOTEL – MAYERBUKTA  
– TINAYREBUKTA KONGSFJORDEN : BLOMSTRANDHAMNA**

5°C, clear morning, partly cloudy during day, calm evening, NW 4-5 while sailing, NW 2-3 at Blomstrandbreen.

09:00 – Hike and landing Lloyds Hotel (built 1912 or 1914) 13:50 - Anchor up.

15:00 – Anchor down Mayerbukta 79°16'05 N, 012°08'24 E.

15:30 – Landing on small island Mayerholmen. Mayerbreen calving. 20:30 – Lower topsail (LT), Upper topsail (UT), Top gallant (TG), Course (C), Staysail 1 (S1), Inner jib (IJ) set.

21:00 – Sailing!

22:00 – S1, IJ down.

23:00 – Sailing into Blomstrandhamna on LT and UT. (Exceptional). 00:00 – Anchor down Blomstrandhamna 79°00'123 N, 012°13'43 E.

**MONDAY 17.06 KONGSFJORDEN : BLOMSTRANDHAMNA – BLOMSTRANDBREEN – NY  
ÅLESUND**

Quite warm 8°C, overcast, clearing up in the evening. SW 1-2 in the morning, increasing to 3-4 in the evening.

08:30 - Anchor up.

09:00 – Anchor down 79°00'23 N, 012°13'43 E.

09:00 – Landing Blomstrandbreen.

14:00 – Landing and hike along glacier Blomstrandbreen. 18:10 – Anchor up.

20:00 – Moored Ny Ålesund 78°55'72 N, 011°56'09 E.

**TUESDAY 18.06 NY ÅLESUND – NORTH**

WSW 4, sunny morning, wind-chill, overcast afternoon.

09:00 – Shop open.

Walk through Ny Ålesund and visit Amundsen-Nobile mast. 13:45 – Weather balloon AWIPEV ([www.awipev.eu](http://www.awipev.eu)).

14:30 – Let go Ny Ålesund.

15:00 – Fire alarm.

15:15 – Lower topsail (LT up), sailing to Kongsvegen.

17:00 – LT down. Cruising along glacier Kongsbreen, Colletthøgda

(red mountain), Ossian Sarsfjellet (birdcliff). 19:30 – Anchor down Gerdøya 78°58'7N 012°14'9 E.

20:45 - Presentations.

### **WEDNESDAY 19.06 NORTH – WEST CORNER : ICE – ICE – ICE - ICE - ICE – ICEICE**

4°C, calm NW 0-1 during day, turning SW and increasing in the evening. Overcast early morning, clear afternoon.

00:10 – Anchor up, going North.

08:30 – Reaching the pack ice. Cruising the ice. West of Danskøya.

10:30 – Zodiac cruises.

14:00 – Electricity failure.

14:30 – Ice closing in. Trying to get out.

15:30 – Waiting to get out. Stuck.

22:00 – First movement.

23:30 – Turning the ship! Ice opening up.

01:00 – Finding a way out.

01:30 – Out! Heading South.

### **THURSDAY 20.06 FORLANDSUNDET : ENGELSBUKTA – SARSTANGEN – SINT JONSFJORDEN**

7°C, SSW 2 during the night, very calm during the day, SW 2 in the evening. Clear and sunny all day.

10:45 – Anchor down Engelsbukta 78°50'7 N 011°49'55 E.

11:00 – Rec zodiac cruises Engelsbukta with short landings and Minke whales.

13:00 – Anchor up.

15:30 – Anchor down Sarstangen 78°43'5 N 011° 25'2 E.

\*15:30 – Landing Sarstangen, marine garbage and **Walruses**.

20:55 – Anchor up.

21:00 – Presentations.

23:00 – Polar bear walking along the N coast of Sint Jonsfjorden.

**FRIDAY 21.06 FORLANDSUNDET : SINT JONSFJORDEN : GJERTSENODDEN  
EIDEMBUKTA.**

9°C, wind changing all night and day: night W2-3, morning NW1-2, afternoon E3, evening Var 1, late evening SW1 to W1-2. Slightly overcast.

01:50 - Anchor down Sint Jonsfjorden, glacier Gaffelbreen 78°31'84 N, 012°53'63 E.

09:30 – Landing and hike Gjertsenodden.

14:00 – Anchor up, further into Sint Jonsfjorden.

Glacier Vintervegen.

19:00 – Anchor down Eidembukta 78°22'0 N, 022°15'94 E. 21:00 – Midsummer Bonfire.

01:00 – Back on board.

**SATURDAY 22.06 FORLANDSUNDET : EIDEMBUKTA / ISFJORDEN : PYRAMIDEN!**

NW 2-3 in the morning, almost no wind in the afternoon, clear sunny and calm.

09:00 – Anchor up.

09:30 – Lower topsail (LT), Upper topsail (UT), Top galant (TG),

Course (C), S1 up, engine off.

10:00 – Outer Jib (OJ) up.

11:35 – Jibe.

11:40 – Motorsailing.

13:00 - C down.

14:00 – LT, UT, TG, S1 down.

17:00 – Presentations.



19:15 – Moored Pyramiden.

20:30 – Walk through Pyramiden, visit Culture house, Bottle house, visit Bar.

### **SUNDAY 23.06 ISFJORDEN : PYRAMIDEN – NORDENSKIÖLDBREEN - SKANSBUKTA**

Warm and sunny, 10°C, calm as well, E 1-2 to S1-2 increasing to SSW 2 early evening.

09:30 – Let go Pyramiden. Long hike to Skansbukta. 10:30 – Ships cruise glacier Nordenskiöldbreen.

13:15 - Anchor down Skansbukta 78°31'7 N 016°01'9 E. 14:00 – Landing and short hike Skansbukta.

18:30 – Long hike picked up around corner Skansbukta. 19:30 – Dinner on deck.

### **MONDAY 24.06 SKANSBUKTA – LONGYEARBYEN**

Calm, sunny and exceptional like most days this two weeks.

06:45 – Anchor up.

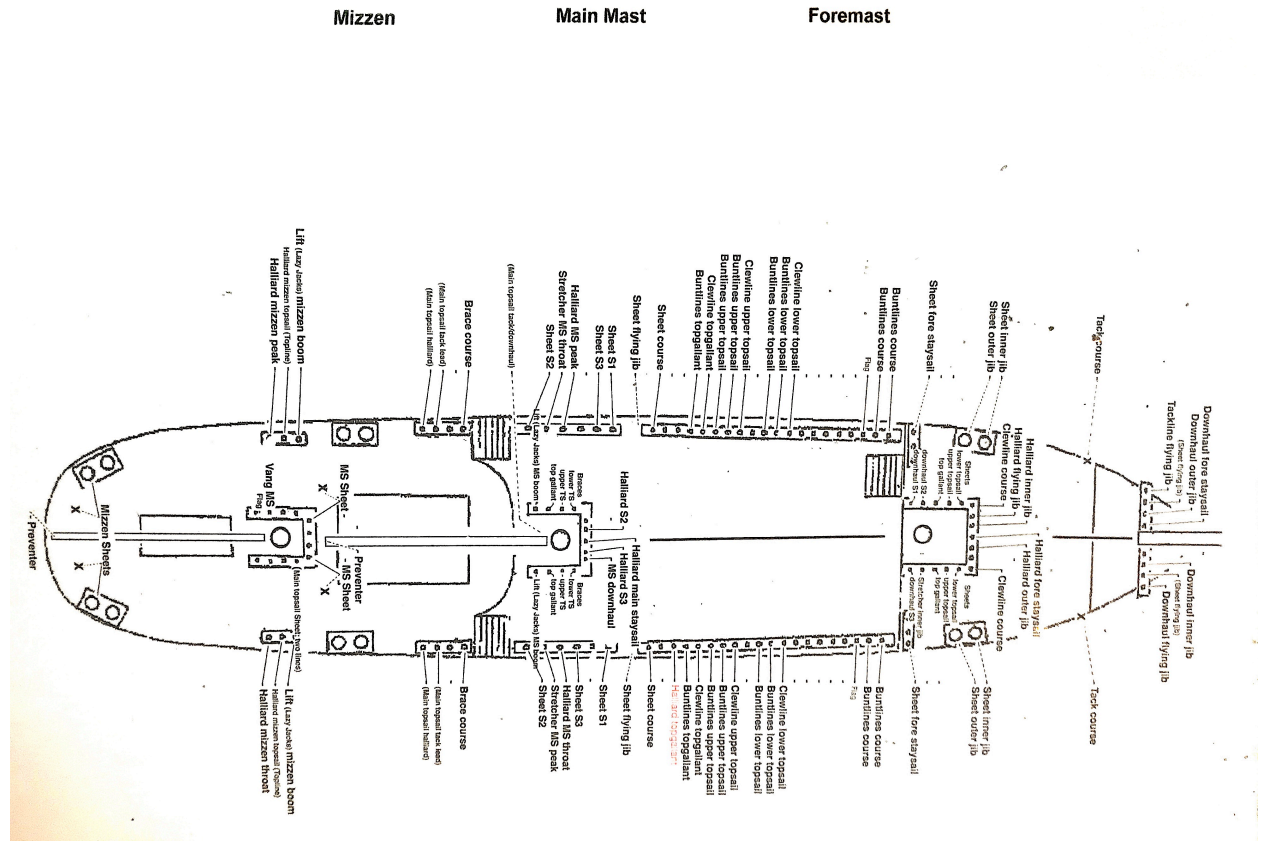
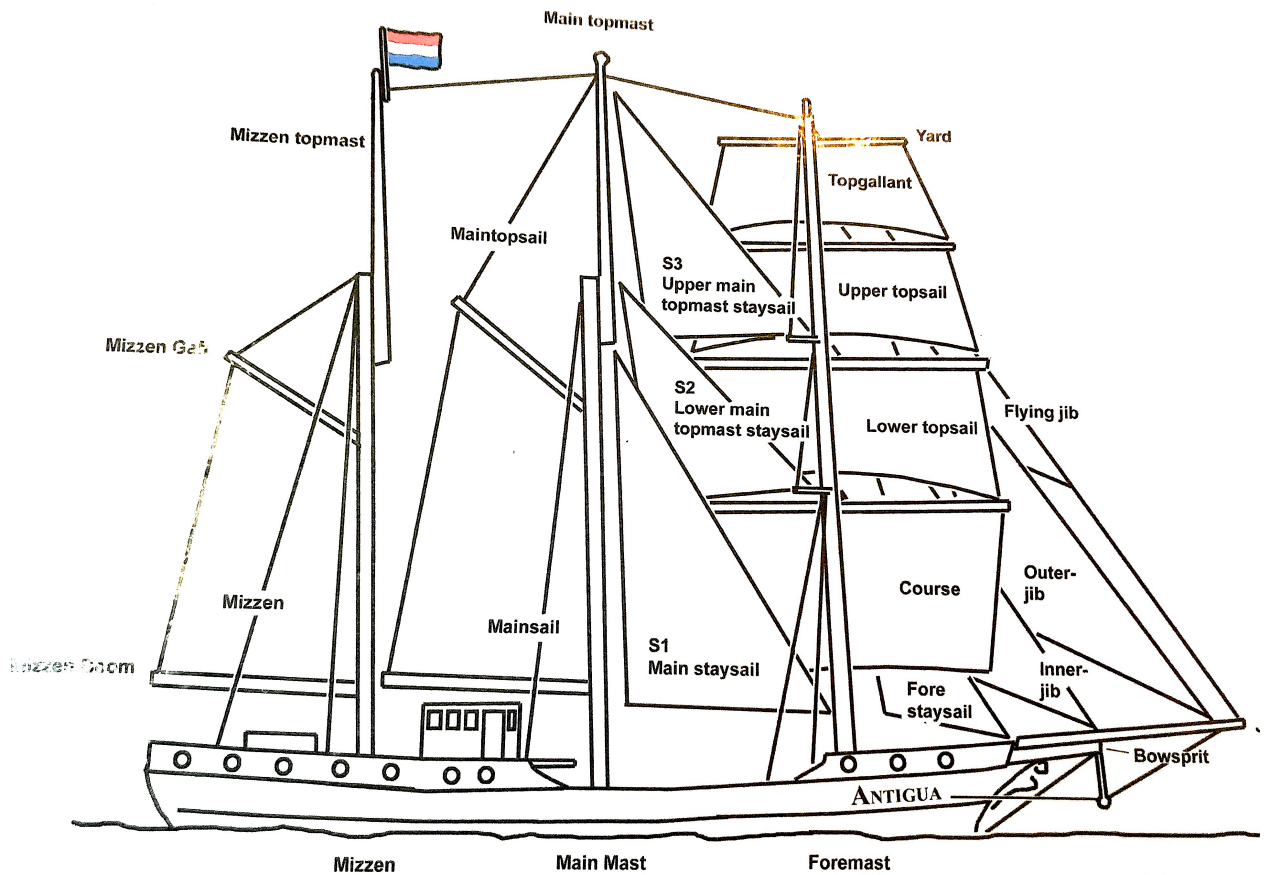
09:45 – Moored Longyearbyen 78°13'72 N, 015°36'38 E.  
Takk for turen! Thank you for the journey!

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Glacier Samarinbreen. Mountain Hornsundtind, 1431 m, Acrylic 12”h x 24”w, by c. Sandra Hawkins



## About The Artist & Her Practice



Sandra Hawkins is a multimedia visual artist in painting, photography/video, installation and performance art. Her work has received critical acclaim in Canada and internationally in major exhibitions, media festivals, publications, collections and artist residencies. The broad focus of her most recent international creative research residency, Arctic Circle 2019 Arts & Sciences Expedition, Svalbard Norway, is global warming impacts on rising ocean levels and implications for coastal habitats.

Ms. Hawkins' art practice is inspired by her life-long concerns for the human-environmental ecology in the Canadian central Arctic where she has lived and worked and now by the entire Arctic Circle, and by her love of sailing/kayaking on Lac Deschenes Ottawa River. It is with gratitude for supporters of her Kickstart fundraiser and others who helped her to participate in the Arctic Circle 2019 Expedition residency that she shares this unique experience in the public presentation, "Sailing The Top of The World".

Sandra has held Britannia Yacht Club (BYC) Full and Social Memberships beginning in 2000. She credits Advantage Boating sailing certifications for imbuing confidence to crew in Women's Racing and recently the RUST races during the past eight years. Her Club volunteerism includes a three-year term on the Social Committee and wherever needed. The combined dynamics of her sailing, kayaking and Arctic Circle research experiences inspires her interdisciplinary art practice.

Ms. Hawkins holds the Bachelor of Fine Arts, magna cum laude, University of Ottawa, and Masters in Environmental Studies, York University. In addition, she holds the Bachelor of Arts - Sociology and Architecture, and post-graduate studies in sociology of history, culture and research methodologies, Carleton University. Art awards include several Ontario Arts Council grants, Elected Member of Canadian Society of Artists (CSA), and the 2018 ArtTour International Top 60 Masters Award at Arts & Design Institute New York City. She is a Premier's Award Nominee for Creative Arts by her Alma Mater St. Lawrence College (Fine Arts), and the K. M. Hunter Award Nominee by Ontario Arts Council and Ontario Arts Foundation. Sandra Hawkins is an active member of the professional artists organization, CARFAC (Canadian Artists Representation/Front des artist Canadiens) since 1999 and its affiliated Access Copyright organization.

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