

Outline Expedition Report

Introduction

- Georgia SAT highlightings were:
 1. The longitudinal traverse of the island from Elsehul Bay to Larsen Harbour with an original part (following the south coast)
 2. Ascents of Paget (new and direct variation, 6th ascent?), Sheridan Peak (virgin peak), new route on Surprise Peak (and 3rd ascent?), first traverse of the two summits of Worsley, first ascent of a couloir near Sugartop (but summit failed), attempt on Quad 5, Trident.

The idea was to mix different views of adventure with technical mountaineering and a traverse, which looks very elegant.

Expedition Objectives

- The expeditions objectives were to traverse South Georgia from N to S and climb various peaks during the traverse. We finally had to separate the climbs and the traverse, due to logistics problems. Please see sheet 1 added (project)

Reports on Activities

- Report on the activities of the expedition including the following:
 - Relevant dates, location of campsites (including huts used), routes walked, vessels pick up and drop off sites, any unexpected incidents. Please see sheet 2 added
 - A map showing land routes and campsites, vessel pick up and drop points. Please see map 1,2,3,4,5,6.
 - Standard Post-Visit Report for the expedition vessel, to be completed by the master of the vessel. Send directly by Isabelle Autissier.
 - Any other sketches and photographs, diagrams and maps as appropriate.

Safety Plan

- Comment on the safety plan. Did it work? Could it have been improved?

The safety plan was perfect. It was a great security to have a doctor with us. We have Iridium contact almost every day with the vessel. VHF did not work as soon as there was a mountain between us and the vessel. I do not see how this plan could be improved. And the first thing was to be very careful while climbing...

Environmental Plan

- Include an assessment of how well the expedition's measures worked in minimising environmental impacts, including a record of observed direct impacts.

We were most of the time on the glaciers, so environmental impacts were very low. We were very few times in contact with the fauna, compared to the length of the expedition.

- Any unusual wildlife and or environmental events observed e.g. large numbers of dead seals or birds or accumulations of beach debris or other rubbish.

Nothing significant.

Expedition Application and Processing

- Comment on the way your expedition application was processed and suggest any ways in which the process could be improved.

Expedition application should be easier to obtain for mountaineering expedition, considering the experience of the team. Ambitious expeditions may arrive in South Georgia, as there are so much to do. And people who go there are totally responsible of themselves, in the same way Shackleton, for instance, was on century ago... Reports of former expedition should be available in Grytviken with the mountaineering book for more details about previous ascents.

Summary

- Summarise the achievements of your expedition.
 - Mount Paget 11 November new (direct) variation by Batoux-Daudet (500m high?) on the NE face; 2000m from base camp. D+, 75° max Ice
 - Sheridan Peak NW Ridge called “arête des 70 ans” AD . First climb of the peak 13 November Batoux Cauchy Daudet
 - Surprise Peak 3rd ascent and new route Batoux-Daudet
 - Worsley (1104m) 2nd ascent (1st by Carse?) First traverse of the 2 peaks Batoux Cauchy Daudet
 - Attempt on Tridents bad weather
 - 2 Attempts on Sugartop (1st bad weather, 2nd no ice in the gully so we followed a couloir on the left to a little pass, then strong winds, we went down via Surprise pass.
 - Skis touring (twice) near Larsen Harbour
 - Traverse (NW to SE) with an original way (never done before? From Christophersen to Brogger glacier. Very challenging and technical: Day 9 was the worst. Done in 11 effective days during a stay of 3 weeks (we stopped climbing around Tridents, and we had compulsory rest day on board because of weather conditions). Sometimes day pack, sometimes with pulks.

Please see <http://yannick.michelat.free.fr/GeorgiaSat.htm> for more details (pictures for instance). Unfortunately the website is in french.

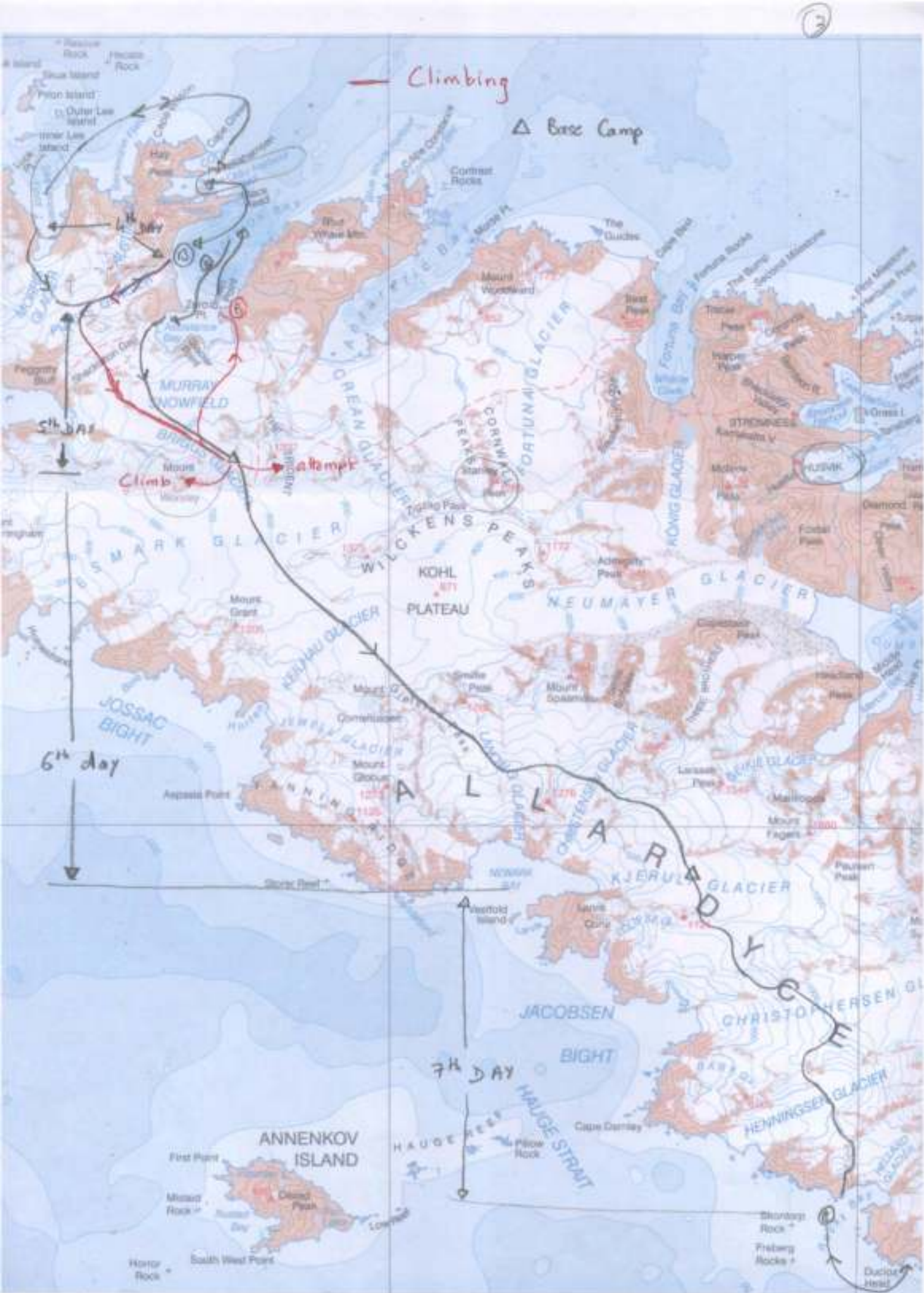
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(B) Pick up & Drop off VESSEL
Night on board





Climbing

△ Base Camp

5th DAY

6th DAY

7th DAY

attempts

ANNENKOV ISLAND

First Point

Mount Peak

South West Point

Horro Rock

JACOBSEN BIGHT

HAUGE FJORD

HAUGE STRAIT

HENNINGSEN GLACIER

Shorrock Rock

Freberg Rocks

Duclos Head

JOSSAC BIGHT

Aspaal Point

Mount Glocus

Mount Grant

WILKENSK PLATEAU

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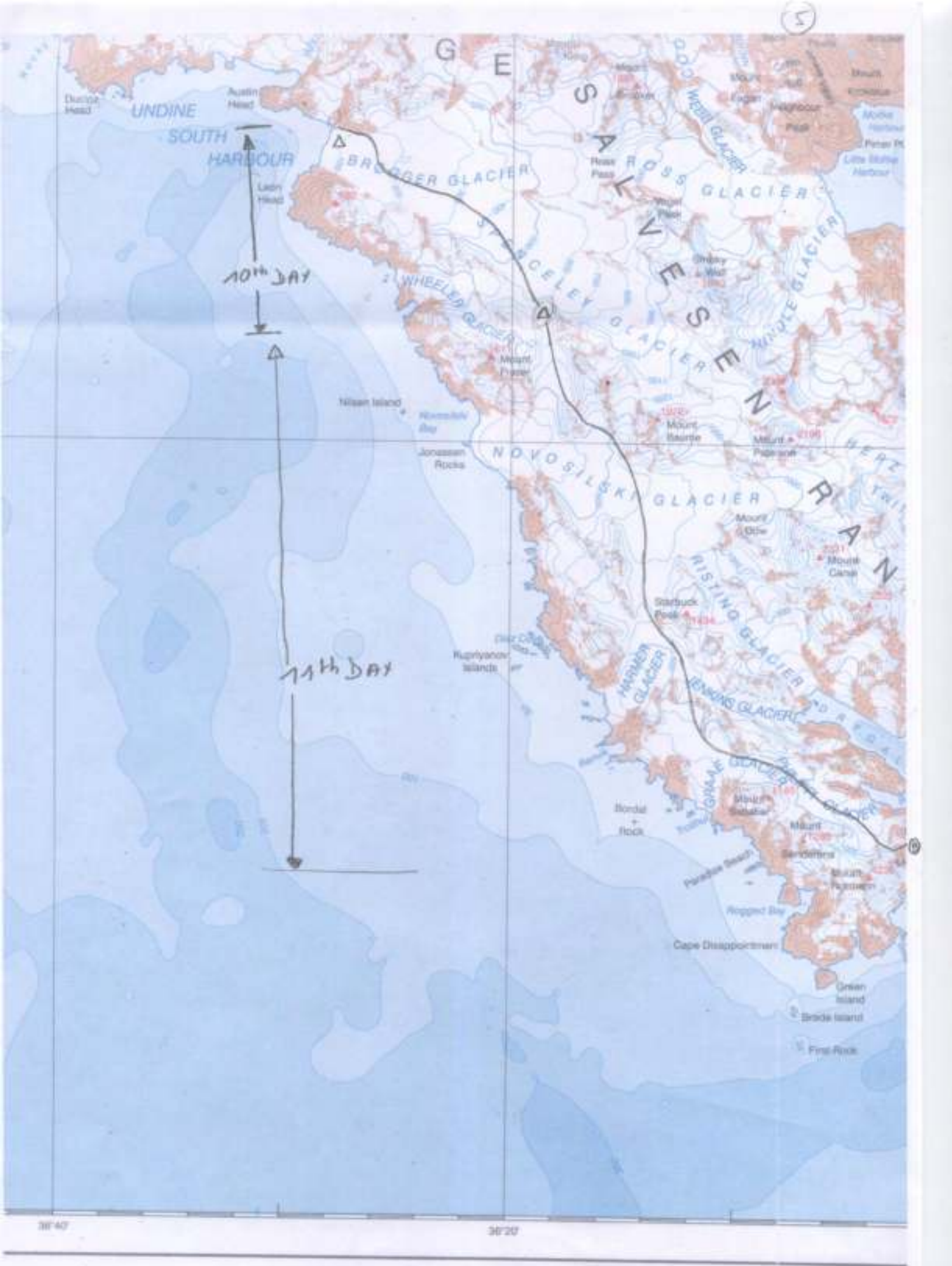
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54°40'

55°S
36°40'W



Mount Paget

- Direct variation

Camp de base

Sheridan Peak

Skis left at the
little pass



Surprise Peak (behind)



Lyell Glacier

Mount Worsley

