Outline Expedition Report

Introduction

- Georgia SAT highlighthtings 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 differents 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 map1,2,3,4,5,6.
 - 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 environmentals 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 formers expedition should be available in Gritvyken 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). Unfortunetaly the website is in french.

Dates	SAILORS	CLIMBERS
	ov arrival in the afternoon at Gritvyken	
	ov drop off of the 3 climbers Cumberland E Bay	1st bivvy on Nordenskjöld Glacier
10-no		2nd bivvy a the foot of Paget
11-nc		Summit Paget forBatoux-Daudet Bivvy same place
12-no		4th bivvy close to Sheridan Peak
	Pick up and back to Gritvyken	Sheridan Ascent and back to the vessel
14-nc		Rest day
	ov drop off of the 2 climbers Harpon Bay	night in Harpon hut
	Pick up and back to Gritvyken	Batoux Daudet new route surprise PEAK
17-no		Rest day
18-no		Rest day
	ov drop off of the 3 climbers Harpon Bay	night in Harpon hut
	by Echo pass Harpon hut spent night there with tent	bad weather waiting for the sailors
	by Back to Gritvyken via Echo Pass pick up climbers by boat; back to Gritvyken	Quad 5 attempt too much snow
22-no		Rest day; lecture KEP
	ov Start to Elsehul bay	
	ov Arrival at Elsehul Bay in the evening	
25-no		Bad weather, stay on ADA2
	ov Elsehul bay - Right Whale bay with the vessel	Elsehul bay - Right Whale bay DAY1 Traverse night on board
	New Right Whale bay- Sunset Fjord with the vessel night Rosita harbour	Right Whale bay- Sunset Fjord Elsehul DAY2 night on board
	Sunset Fjord -Sea leopard fjord with the vessel night Prince Olav Harbour	Sunset Fjord -Sea leopard fjord DAY3 night Prince Olav Harbour
29-no		wait, too much wind
30-nc	ov Sea leopard fjord -Possession Bay night Prince Olav Harbour	Sea leopard fjord - Purvis Glacier Possession Bay DAY4 night on board
01-de	cc Drop off Possession Bay	Purvis glacier- Base camp on Briggs Glacier
02-de	ec	Mount Worsley ascent back to base camp
03-de	ec	Bad weather Wait
04-de	ec Pick up Possession Bay	Back to Brown point night Prince Olav Harbour
05-de		Rest day
06-de	cc Drop off midday Assistance Bay; starting going to Ducloz Head via the N of the island	Back to Briggs glacier base camp DAY 5
07-de	ec .	Briggs-Kjerulf Glacier bivvy DAY6
08-de	ec pick up Rocky Bay night Ducloz head	Kjerulf-Helland Rocky Bay DAY7 night on board
09-de	ec	Rest day
10-de	ec e	Rest day
11-d <i>i</i>	ec drop off pulks etc at the head of Brogger Glacier night Ducloz head	Looking at the best way from the vessel
12-d <i>i</i>	ec drop off Rocky bay night Ducloz head	Helland Glacier Ducloz Head DAY8 night on board
13-d _f	cc Ducloz head - Larsen harbour	Ducloz Head - Brogger glacier find the depot and night there DAY9
14-de	ec .	Brogger glacier -near Mont Fraser bivvy DAY10
15-de	ec	Near mount Fraser Larsen Harbour DAY11
16-de	ec .	ski on a couloir near ADA2
17-de	ec .	ski near Doubtful Bay
18-dr	cc Larsen Harbour - Ocean Harbour	, ,,
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	c cumberland east bay	night in Harpon hut 2 climbers
23-de		Attempt on sugartop back to Gritvyken
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	ec Husvik	Ice school at Gubrandsen Lake
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	Departure from South Georgia	
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