



IAATO Marine Safety Notice 2016/02

Further Recommendations to Enhance Marine Safety following contact with ice onboard MV Ocean Endeavour, November, 2015

Background

Following *Ocean Endeavour's* contact with an iceberg just north of the South Shetland Islands while returning to Ushuaia following the end of a successful Antarctic expedition, the IAATO Marine Committee offers the following safety advisory:

1. Precautions should be taken to ensure the inherent dangers and likelihood of growlers, bergy bits and icebergs in the Drake Passage are not underestimated, and bridge teams remain on high alert.
2. The risks of cruising while on passage towards ice infested Antarctic waters should be clearly outlined in vessel operators Polar Waters Operations Manuals and mitigation measures considered.