

Dispatch from Thursday, April 19, 2007

Greetings from Palmer Station. The day started out raining with very wet and windy. No boat operations today. We spent the day preparing to get to work catching seals when the ship comes in tomorrow. In weather changed completely in the afternoon, and the sun came out briefly. We scrambled to take advantage of it and walked up the glacier in back of Palmer Station. However, by the time we got there it was overcast again. However, it allowed us to take some pictures. The images are Palmer Station from the glacier, Luis and Gitte at the top of the glacier and an image of the glacier as it advances over the water. It's not uncommon to hear the glacier calving and if you're lucky you can see the ice fall into the ocean.

Tomorrow the LM Gould returns from their fishing expedition and we transfer our operations to her and head south in the afternoon to Crystal Sound where we hope to really start seeing and more importantly catching crabeater seals.

Best to all.

Cheers, the seal team



