

## Dispatch from Wednesday, 2 May 2007

Greetings:

Today some of us stayed and worked in the lab, analyzing samples, or working with track data, while others went to look for crabeater seals. While we didn't see any crabeater seals we did see more elephant seals. One interesting sight was the "seal angles" left by the elephant seals. The pictures show the ice cast left by an elephant seal that was sleeping on the snow. The snow melted and refroze, leaving a seal cast. This photo is by Mike Goebel. Also attached are two images of the tracks of the seals we have tagged to date. One track image is a typical map track. The other is a 3D representation of the tracks, showing their diving pattern as the yellow lines that drop below the surface track. You can see that at least one animal is moving quite a way from where she was tagged.

Best from the seal team.





