**Staying Alive after the sinking of Endurance**

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Map of Track of Endurance in Weddell Sea, Imperial Trans Antarctic Expedition (A520) © RGS

1. What date did Endurance sink? Give the day, month and year.

*The Endurance sank on November 20th 1915.*

1. When Endurance sank, was she north or south of the Antarctic Circle?

*When Endurance sank she was south of the Antarctic Circle.*

1. Did Endurance sink at the beginning of Antarctic winter or summer?

*Endurance sank at the beginning of Antarctic Summer.*

1. After Endurance sank, the crew camped on ice floes. Were the ice floes drifting towards or away from Elephant Island?

*After Endurance sank, the crew camped on ice floes which were drifting towards Elephant Island.*

1. Why were the ice floes drifting towards Elephant Island?

*The ice floes were drifting toward Elephant Island because of an ocean circulation pattern associated with the Weddell Sea gyre.*

1. Why do you think the crew took to their boats on April 9th?

*The crew took to their boats on April 9th (1916) because it was the end of summer, and much of the ice had melted.*