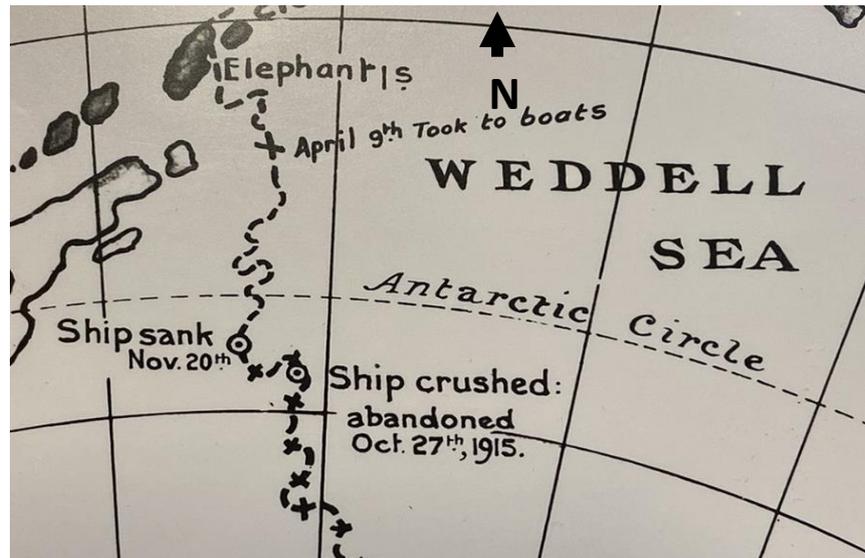


## Staying Alive after the sinking of Endurance

### Answers



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 20<sup>th</sup> 1915.*

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

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

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

*Endurance sank at the beginning of Antarctic Summer.*

4. 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.*

5. 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.*

6. Why do you think the crew took to their boats on April 9<sup>th</sup>?

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