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Any ship in any sea provides an opportunity to gather scientific data. Even in areas traveled hundreds of times a week there is knowledge to be gained, but the chance to delve into the ocean's secrets in seldom traveled Arctic waters is rare and for the oceanographer irresistible.

A segment of Arctic East 1967 was a bottom sediment survey that required samples from points throughout Baffin Bay. It was directed by a group of men from the Naval Oceanographic Office in conjunction with a contract awarded to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

To the crew of the *SOUTHWIND* the results were mud, but preliminary analysis suggests a wealth of new information about the mineral content, age, and forces at work at the bay's bottom.

