Established discipline of oceanography. Circumnavigated the earth. First steam vessel to cross Antarctic Circle.

**1770 - 1800**

**Stages of Exploration**

**George Dufek**

**Ships:**
- Belgian Antarctic Expedition (Second Voyage)
- British Antarctic Expedition
- Discovery
- Terra Nova

**Furthest South:** 69°03'S.

**1893 - 1895**

**Ships:**
- Aurora Austalis

**1901 - 1902**

**Aircraft:**
- First successful land traverse of Antarctica

**1914 - 1917**

**Ships:**
- Robert Scott's Expedition to the South Pole

**1915 - 1916**


**1916 - 1917**


**1917 - 1918**

**British Antarctic Expedition under Charles Wilkes**

**Ships:**
- Vincennes, Porcupine, Porpoise, Sea Wolf (Wolf), Arcturus (Arcturus).

**1919 - 1921**

**Ships:**
- Aurora

**1921 - 1922**

**Ships:**
- Southampton, Discovery

**1922 - 1923**

**Ships:**
- Discovery

**1924 - 1925**

**Aircraft:**
- Short flight made along east coast of Trinity Peninsula from Snow Hill Is to Nordenskjold Coast.

**1925 - 1926**

**Ships:**
- Nimrod

**1926 - 1927**

**Aircraft:**
- First successful land traverse of Antarctica

**1928 - 1930**

**Ships:**
- Discovery

**1934 - 1937**

**Aircraft:**
- First successful land traverse of Antarctica

**1938 - 1939**

**Ships:**
- Discovery

**1947 - 1948**

**Ships:**
- Discovery

**1955 - 1956**

**Ships:**
- Discovery

**1969 - 1970**

**Ships:**
- Discovery

**1988 - Present**

**Ships:**
- R/V Polarstern

**1999 - 2001**

**Ships:**
- R/V Polarstern

**2001 - 2003**

**Ships:**
- R/V Polarstern

**2004 - 2006**

**Ships:**
- R/V Polarstern

**2006 - 2008**

**Ships:**
- R/V Polarstern

**2008 - 2010**

**Ships:**
- R/V Polarstern

**2010 - 2012**

**Ships:**
- R/V Polarstern

**2012 - 2014**

**Ships:**
- R/V Polarstern

**2014 - 2016**

**Ships:**
- R/V Polarstern

**2016 - 2018**

**Ships:**
- R/V Polarstern

**2018 - 2020**

**Ships:**
- R/V Polarstern

**2020 - 2022**

**Ships:**
- R/V Polarstern

**2022 - 2024**

**Ships:**
- R/V Polarstern

**2024 - Present**

**Ships:**
- R/V Polarstern