

P-3 Orion - WFF 05/16/19

Aircraft: [P-3 Orion - WFF \(See full schedule\)](#)

Flight Number: 2019 OIB Science Flight #24

Payload Configuration: Operation IceBridge

Nav Data Collected: No

Total Flight Time: 6.3 hours

Submitted by: Mike Cropper on 05/16/19

Flight Segments:

From:	BGSF	To:	BGSF
Start:	05/16/19 10:29 Z	Finish:	05/16/19 16:49 Z
Flight Time:	6.3 hours		
Log Number:	19P017	PI:	Joseph MacGregor
Funding Source:	Bruce Tagg - NASA - SMD - ESD Airborne Science Program		
Purpose of Flight:	Science		

Flight Hour Summary:

	19P017
Flight Hours Approved in SOFRS	250
Total Used	216.3
Total Remaining	33.7

19P017 Flight Reports

Date	Flt #	Purpose of Flight	Duration	Running Total	Hours Remaining	Miles Flown
03/26/19	#2053: 2019 OIB ATF	Check	0.9	0.9	249.1	0
03/27/19	#2059: 2019 OIB PTF-Laser	Check	2.3	3.2	246.8	0
03/28/19	#2061: 2019 OIB PTF-Radar	Check	3.2	6.4	243.6	0
04/01/19	#2068: 2019 OIB WFF-BGTL Transit Flight	Transit	6.9	13.3	236.7	2458
04/03/19	#2070: 2019 OIB Science Flight #1	Science	7.6	20.9	229.1	1938
04/05/19	#2072: 2019 OIB Science Flight #2	Science	7.7	28.6	221.4	1910
04/06/19	#2073: 2019 OIB Science Flight #3	Science	7.2	35.8	214.2	2000
04/08/19	#2075: 2019 OIB Science Flight #4	Science	6.9	42.7	207.3	1780
04/09/19	#2076: 2019 OIB Science Flight #5	Science	7.8	50.5	199.5	2045
04/10/19	#2081: 2019 OIB Science Flight #6	Science	10.1	60.6	189.4	2702
04/11/19	#2082: BGSF-BGTL Transit	Transit	2.2	62.8	187.2	696
04/12/19	#2083: 2019 OIB Science Flight #7	Science	7.2	70	180	2109
04/15/19	#2086: 2019 OIB Science Flight #8	Science	4.8	74.8	175.2	1243
04/16/19	#2087: 2019 OIB Science Flight #9	Science	7.6	82.4	167.6	2036
04/17/19	#2088: 2019 OIB Science Flight #10	Science	7.7	90.1	159.9	1937

04/18/19	#2090: 2019 OIB Science Flight #11	Science	7.8	97.9	152.1	2008
04/19/19	#2091: 2019 OIB Science Flight #12	Science	7.6	105.5	144.5	2104
04/20/19	#2092: 2019 OIB Science Flight #13	Science	6.9	112.4	137.6	0
04/22/19	#2094: 2019 OIB Science Flight #14	Science	6.6	119	131	1867
04/23/19	#2099: 2019 OIB Science Flight #15	Science	7.7	126.7	123.3	1979
04/25/19	#2102: 2019 OIB BGTL-KBGR Transit Flight	Transit	6.2	132.9	117.1	0
04/26/19	KBGR to BGSF Transit	Transit	5.7	138.6	111.4	0
05/05/19	2019 OIB Science Flight #16	Science	7.8	146.4	103.6	0
05/06/19	2019 OIB Science Flight #17	Science	8.4	154.8	95.2	0
05/07/19	2019 OIB Science Flight #18	Science	8.5	163.3	86.7	0
05/08/19	2019 OIB Science Flight #19	Science	8	171.3	78.7	0
05/12/19	2019 OIB Science Flight #20	Science	9	180.3	69.7	0
05/13/19	2019 OIB Science Flight #21	Science	7	187.3	62.7	0
05/14/19	2019 OIB Science Flight #22	Science	7.9	195.2	54.8	0
05/15/19	2019 OIB Science Flight #23	Science	8.3	203.5	46.5	0
05/16/19	2019 OIB Science Flight #24	Science	6.3	209.8	40.2	0
05/17/19	2019 OIB Transit	Transit	6.2	216	34	0
05/17/19	2019 OIB Transit	Transit	0.3	216.3	33.7	0

Flight Reports began being entered into this system as of 2012 flights. If there were flights flown under an earlier log number the flight reports are not available online.

Related Science Report:

OIB - P-3 Orion - WFF 05/16/19 Science Report

Mission: OIB

Mission Summary:

Mission: IceSat-2 South shortened (priority:high)

This mission is designed along IceSat-2 ground tracks to fill the gap between the southeastern and southwestern suites of missions. We sample a total of four IceSat-2 orbits, mixing left, nadir, and right beam pair overflights. We also overfly a firm compaction study site at point Saddle. For 2019 we replace three of the previously flown lines with lower-latency tracks (occupied by IS-2 on 15, 16 and 19 May 2019). We removed two of the originally-planned six IS-2 lines today, because today being our final science flight prior to our departure for the US tomorrow, we needed additional time this afternoon to load the aircraft for departure and still remain within our allowable crew duty hours.

The unsettled weather over all of southern Greenland improved somewhat this morning, leaving substantial clear areas but also many clouds. The clearest area among our high-priority areas roughly straddled the South Dome region, making this mission one for which we could expect a reasonable science return. Weather models also

led us to expect slow clearing of the area during the day. Once airborne, we experienced mostly clear (and very calm) conditions, with a few patches of low cloud that prevented optical data collection from time to time.

Headwall SWIR did not operate today, but otherwise all instruments performed well. ATM estimates 90% altimetry data recovery today. We did not perform a ramp pass due to low ceilings at Kangerlussuaq upon arrival.

IceSat-2 RGT latencies (+/- indicates OIB surveyed after/before IceSat-2)

0780 -3 days
0742 -7 hours
0681 +4 days
0719 +1 day

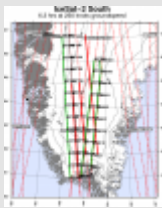
Data volumes:

ATM: 93 Gb
CAMBOT: 128 Gb
FLIR: 12 Gb
KT19: 8 Mb
MCoRDS: 1.64 Tb
Narrow Swath ATM: 126 Gb green
Narrow Swath ATM: 91 Gb IR
VNIR 29 Gb
Snow Radar: 1.14 Tb

total data collection time: 5.6 hrs

Images:

Map of today's flight.



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Typical cloudiness for today



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