

That was an enthralling talk. How about sailing more than 1,000 miles towards the Arctic and Greenland in a 26 foot wooden long-keel Virtue with sea temperatures of 3°, and finding that your destination, Jan Mayen island, has been incorrectly charted since the 1600's!

Add to that unfriendly anchorages, horrid weather, and a 2,278 metre high volcano plug of a mountain, surrounded by glaciers and crevasses.



A mixed team of 7 from three boats did manage the climb all 23 hours of it. Fewer people have climbed Mount Beerenberg than climb Everest in one day!

Alasdair Flint was a quiet, unassuming guest speaker with a host of high latitude adventures under his belt. There was a good attendance in the clubhouse, and 10 members on Zoom, with a host of questions at the end of the hour long presentation. A great choice of speaker. Inspiring for some too arduous for many!