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SEVEN-DAY ICEBERG OUTLOOK FOR EAST NEWFOUNDLAND WATERS AND THE LABRADOR COAST ISSUED BY INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL (IIP) ON 12 JULY 2017. THE IIP HAS CONCLUDED AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE FOR 2017. THIS IS THE FINAL ICEBERG OUTLOOK PRODUCT FOR THE YEAR. IIP WILL CONTINUE TO PRODUCE THE DAILY ICEBERG LIMIT PRODUCT AND IS AVAILABLE HERE: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=IIPHome>

Labrador Coast and Strait of Belle Isle (NORTH OF 52°N):

The Labrador Coast is free of sea ice. Many icebergs remain adrift along the Labrador Coast in open water. These icebergs are expected to drift southward but will continue to deteriorate as sea-surface temperatures increase. Many icebergs remain in the Strait of Belle Isle and into the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The Western Iceberg Limit is expected to continue contracting over the next seven days.

Newfoundland (SOUTH OF 52°N):

Few icebergs are expected to remain around the Avalon Peninsula and off of Cape Freels. The Southwestern Iceberg Limit will remain near the median but within the extreme Iceberg Limit for mid-July. Recent reconnaissance confirmed that there were no icebergs drifting southward in Flemish Pass or east of Flemish Cap. Both the Eastern and Southern Iceberg Limits are expected to contract and remain within median over the next seven days.

991 icebergs have been detected or drifted into the transatlantic shipping lanes thus far for the 2017 Ice Season. On average, 477 icebergs drift south of this latitude by the end of July based on data collected between 1900 and 2016. 2017 is currently the 19th most severe season on record dating back to 1900. Though isolated icebergs may drift south of 48°N. IIP expects minimal risk to transatlantic shipping due to iceberg hazards for the remainder of the year.

