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squashed some chairs before being smashed on the bulkhead. It is pretty uncomfortable at the moment!"

In addition to the extreme weather conditions, the installation team had to deal with a series of technical problems such as damage to a cable caused by a ship's anchor prior to this mission. Altogether, the PTS staff spent 41 days on board the René Descartes, including many days due to weather delay, to complete

the installation. During this period over 30 kilometres of optical fibre cable were laid out, two hydrophone triplets were installed and the station communications tested until the station was successfully sending data to the International Data Centre in Vienna. On 20 April the PTS team left Crozet Islands for Cape Town, knowing that "if you can deal with the problems thrown up by working at sea, you can deal with almost anything". ■

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