

## Le Commandant Charcot teams up with the RV Kronprins Haakon in the Arctic



In the Arctic, *Le Commandant Charcot* is currently leading the way to the *RV Kronprins Haakon*, as they are both sailing to the North Pole. The Norwegian oceanographic and polar icebreaker, owned by the Norwegian Polar Institute, is heading to the North Pole as part of her annual scientific expedition to the polar ocean, on a mission to collect environmental samples.

This meeting, planned by both Captains, is creating an opportunity for a unique cooperation, with both vessels combining their capabilities. *Le Commandant Charcot* is once again making a demonstration of her exceptional features, both in terms of team spirit among seafarers, and of her extraordinary technical capabilities. They allow her to face any sea ice condition, hence her opening of a channel for the *RV Kronprins Haakon*, which is following behind.

*“This collaboration fully demonstrates PONANT’s values, which was founded by French Merchant Navy officers and is committed to scientific endeavour. This is an example of what can be achieved through teamwork”* explained Captain Patrick Marchesseau at the helm of *Le Commandant Charcot*. *“Additionally, it is a unique opportunity for our guests to see first-hand the challenges involved in polar science. We are already discussing the possibility to continue to collaborate with the RV Kronprins Haakon once we have reached the geographic North Pole on July 30. Both her Lead Scientist and Captain may join us on board Le Commandant Charcot to introduce to our guest the RV Kronprins Haakon, and her scientific missions.”*

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