



## "Hans Hedtoft" Expedition

- an historical Danish expedition

No Limits Diving embarks on a historical expedition to locate the mythical "Hans Hedtoft" that was lost on its maiden voyage in the icy and stormy waters off Greenland. The expedition that will take place in the summer of 2004 is currently being planned by Expedition Leader Thomas de Richelieu, author Jan Schmidt and former naval officer Claude Enoch.

When the Kongelige Grønlandske Handels crown jewel the "Hans Hedtoft" was lost on January 30th 1959 in the waters south of Cape Farevel it was nothing less than a national tragedy. The ships last moments were transmitted by wireless radio between the ship and a number of radiostations in Greenland. But every effort to locate the sinking ship in the darkness surrounded by 100 foot waves was fruitless. A total of 95 lives were lost that day. Only a simple life belt was found 9 months later.

The sinking obviously fuelled a lot of speculations into where the ship sank and what really happened. But besides the search that took place in the days following the disappearing no one has ever tried to locate the wreck. Almost 45 years have passed. The "Hans Hedtoft" incident still offers more questions than answers. No Limits Diving will now seek the answers and reveal the truth.

Many of the answers lies deep below the waves of the North Atlantic. So the wreck needs to be located which will be the first and most demanding task for the expedition team. When the wreck is identified the scientific part of the expedition will commence.

The depth in the area where the expedition team expects to locate the wreck exceeds 6000 feet. This calls for state of the art equipment. The team will use remotely operated vehicles (ROV) equipped with video and powerful lights to carefully go through the wreck. With the ROV it will be possible for the world to see pictures from the most famous wreck in Danish history. For the first time ever since it disappeared 45 years ago. The wreck will be carefully examined section by section and the information gathered will be analysed by experts in order to conclude on the ships sinking.

The examination of the wreck is ended with a small ceremony. The expedition team will lay down a small remembrance plaque at the wreck site. This will be the only physical contact that the team will make with the "Hans Hedtoft". Nothing else will be touched, removed or damaged. The expedition is performed with a high degree of ethics and in respect of the 95 persons who still lie in the wreck.

The entire expedition is documented by the Danish national television station TV2 that will follow the entire expedition as it proceeds. The work will be featured in one or more programmes on TV2.

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The expedition is described in details on the No Limits Diving company website [www.nolimitsdiving.dk](http://www.nolimitsdiving.dk) -> Projekter -> Hans Hedtoft (also in English)

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