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Anvers Island, Unnamed Peak Southwest of Shewry Peak, Southwest Ridge

Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula

In January 2016 I sailed to the Peninsula on the yacht Icebird with Robert Catton, Mike Jaques, Paul Kutarski, and Jim Searight. We skied mostly peaks with which I was familiar, but also made the first ascent of the southwest ridge of the unnamed summit immediately southwest of, and lower than, Shewry Peak (1,065m) in the southern part of Anvers Island. We ascended glaciated terrain and then gained the col at the foot of the ridge, where we left skis. The ascent, passing large snow obstacles, was PD+ Scottish II. A small vertical ice wall was outflanked via a fluted and difficult-to-protect Patagonia-style couloir. During the descent, we rappelled the ice wall from a snow bollard.

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Editor's note: This peak was climbed on January 17, 2015, via the northeast ridge from the col between it and Shewry. Summiteers were the Chinese guide Daliu (Liu Yong) and a Chinese client, during an expedition reported in AAJ 2015. They nicknamed the peak Mini Rat, having misunderstood the name of the nearby peak Minaret. However, this is not official!

Images



Members of the 2016 team on the glacier east of Shewry Peak, which is the farthest summit to the right. The unnamed snow pyramid immediately to its left was climbed for the second known time in January 2016 via the left skyline.



Constructing a snow bollard on the descent from the unnamed peak southwest of Shewry, in order to negotiate a short ice wall.



Daliu on the summit of the unnamed peak in January 2015 with Shewry Peak behind.

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