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### **Cerro Garcia and other ascents**

Chile, Cordillera Darwin

**Starting in late October, the French climbers Laurent Bibolet, Antoine Cayrol, Emmanuel Chance, Merhal Desay, Gaylord Dugué, Julien Ravanello, and David Vigouroux made a 26-day expedition to the Cordillera de Darwin.** Using the sailboat Podorange as a base, they moved from west to east along the range and made a number of ascents. A total of six days of good weather prevented many would-be climbing opportunities.

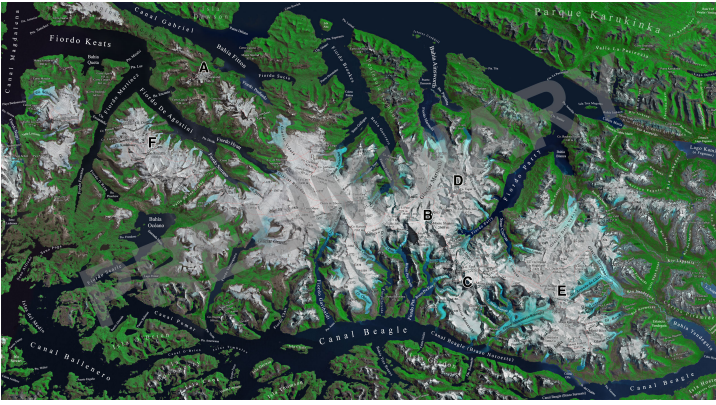
Starting from Fiordo De Agostini on the northwest side of the range, they made two significant ascents. On October 28, Cayrol and Dugué ascended the south face of an unnamed 1,036m peak located west along the ridgeline from Monte Buckland (1,746m): the South Face Direct (500m, TD WI4 M5). On October 29, Chance, Desay, Bibolet, Ravanello, and Vigouroux made the first ascent of Cerro Garcia (1,244m), located southwest of Monte Buckland, calling their route on the south side Sky Fish (600m, TD M5). Both routes involved considerable snow, ice, and mixed climbing. The climbers rappelled both routes.

Further to the east, the climbers entered Fiordo Parry. On the west side of the fjord's inlet and across from Bahía Blanca, they made an ascent of Cerro 1,123m by easy terrain. They also made an unsuccessful attempt to climb the north face of Cerro Selk'nam (1,837m), with two bivouacs to reach the base.

Lastly, further to the south, the climbers visited the zone near Monte Darwin (2,261m), accessing it from Brazo Pia Este off the Beagle Channel. They then traveled to the far southeastern part of the range to reach Bahía Yendegaia, where Dugue and Vigouroux ascended Cerro Serka (1,366m), the westernmost 1,300m peak in the Cerros Pirámides chain (AD, 50° IV), and then traversed the five summits to the south of Cerros Pirámides.

– Erik Rieger, with information from David Vigouroux, France

## Images



General map of the Cordillera Darwin.



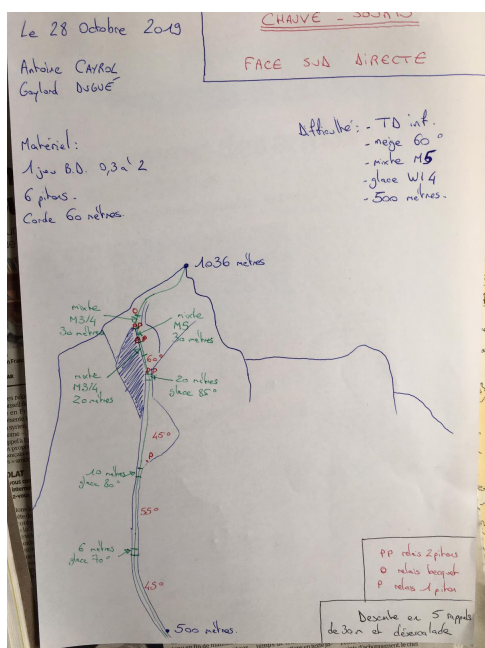
The sailboat Podorange, base camp for climbing in the Cordillera Darwin.



Monte Buckland as viewed from the Baya Encanto, in the Fiordo de Agostini, in the western Cordillera Darwin.



This unnamed 1,036m peak is to the west of and along the same ridgeline as Monte Buckland, just above the beach in Baya Encanto (a two-hour walk). The climbers ascended the South Face Direct (500m, TD WI4 M5) up the obvious, central gash.



Detailed topo of the South Face Direct (500m, TD WI4 M5) on the unnamed 1,036m peak west of Monte Buckland.









Ascending a steep corner on Sky Fish (600m, TD M5) on Cerro Garcia (1,244m).



Cerro 1,123m, located near the mouth of Fiordo Parry (northeastern Cordillera Darwin) on the west side of the inlet, and across from Bahía Blanca. The climbers reached the summit by climbing easy terrain on the left side of the peak.



On the upper ridgeline of Cerro 1,123m.



Cerro Selk'nam (1,837m) as viewed Fiordo Parry (northeastern Cordillera Darwin). The climbers made a three-day attempt on Selk'nam, with two bivouacs to reach the base.



The north face of Cerro Selk'nam as viewed from the base.



An unknown peak located close to Monte Darwin (eastern Cordillera de Darwin). The climbers took this photograph after starting from Brazo Pia Este then walking four hours on the Glacier Sintra.



The four peaks shown are a chain of 1,300m peaks known as Cerros Pirámides or Los Concos Hermanos and are accessed from Bahía Yendegaia (far southeast Cordillera de Darwin). After a two-day approach from the boat, David Vigouroux and Gaylord Dugue ascended Cerro Serka (1,366m), the leftmost peak (AD, 50° IV).



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