

Iceberg B-36

Another Iceberg Calves off of Pine Island Glacier

August 23, 2015, Suitland, MD — On August 23rd 2015, the National Ice Center (NIC) named a new iceberg that calved from Pine Island Glacier in Pine Island Bay. In the span of 2 weeks, the NIC has named two new icebergs that have calved from Pine Island Glacier, the newest being B-36. The combined area of the new named icebergs and other smaller icebergs that calved in this event are estimated to be approximately equal to B-31.

B-36 is located at 74°59'34" South, 101°55'52" West, in the Amundsen Sea. The iceberg measures 12 nautical miles on its longest axis and 5 nautical miles on its widest axis. Analyst Chris Readinger confirmed B-36 using Sentinel-1 and VIIRS images shown below.

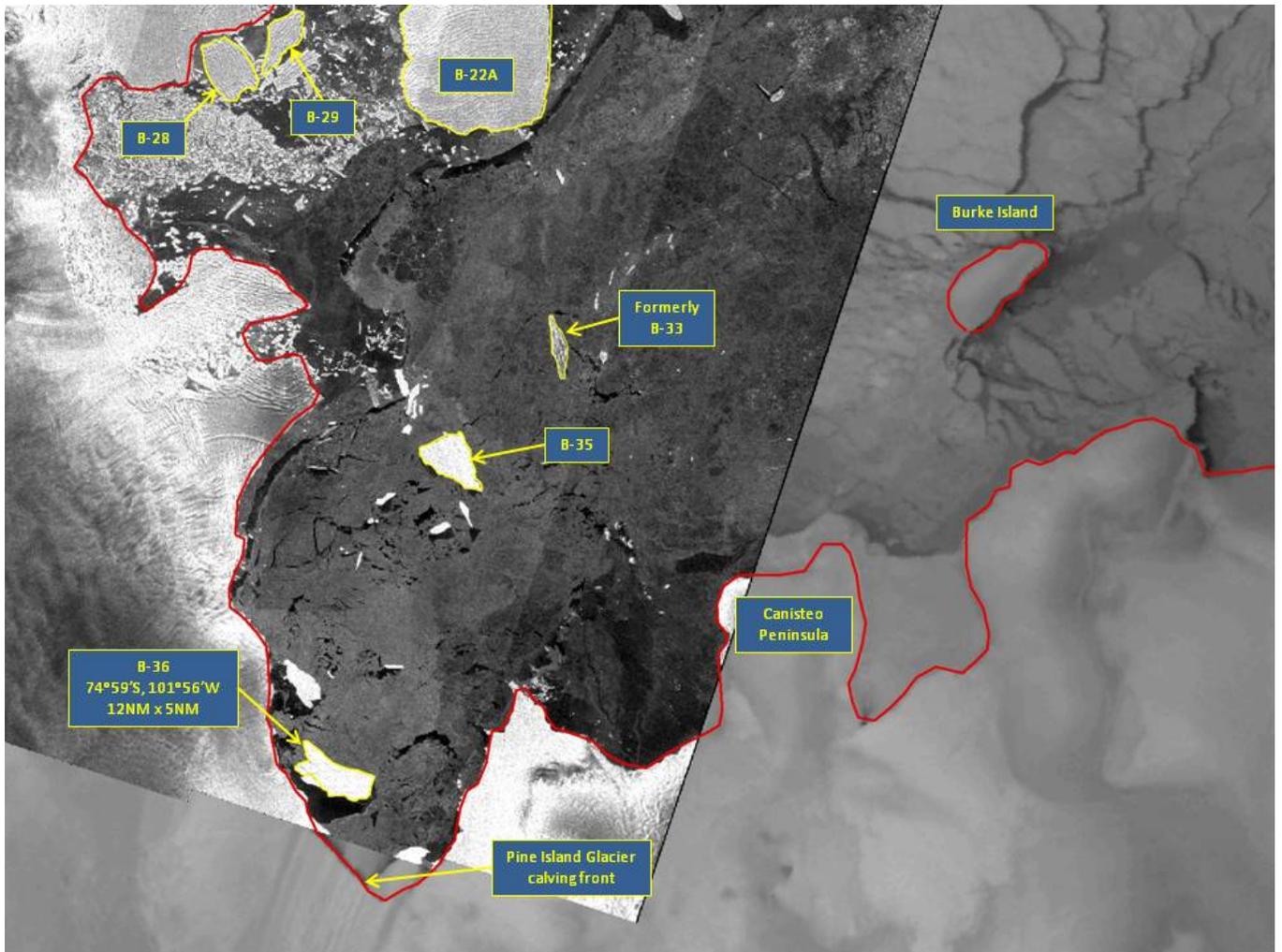
Iceberg names are derived from the Antarctic quadrant in which they were originally sighted. The quadrants are divided counter-clockwise in the following manner:

A = 0-90W (Bellingshausen/Weddell Sea)
B = 90W-180 (Amundsen/Eastern Ross Sea)
C = 180-90E (Western Ross Sea/Wilkesland)
D = 90E-0 (Amery/Eastern Weddell Sea)

When first sighted, an iceberg's point of origin is documented by the NIC. The letter of the quadrant, along with a sequential number, is assigned to the iceberg. For example, C-19 is sequentially the 19th iceberg tracked by the NIC in Antarctica between 180-90E (Quadrant C). Icebergs with letter suffixes have calved from already named icebergs, where the letters are added in sequential order. For example, C-19D, is the 4th iceberg to calve off the original C-19 iceberg.

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SENTINEL/VIIRS images of B-36 dated August 23rd and August 19th 2015 respectively.

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