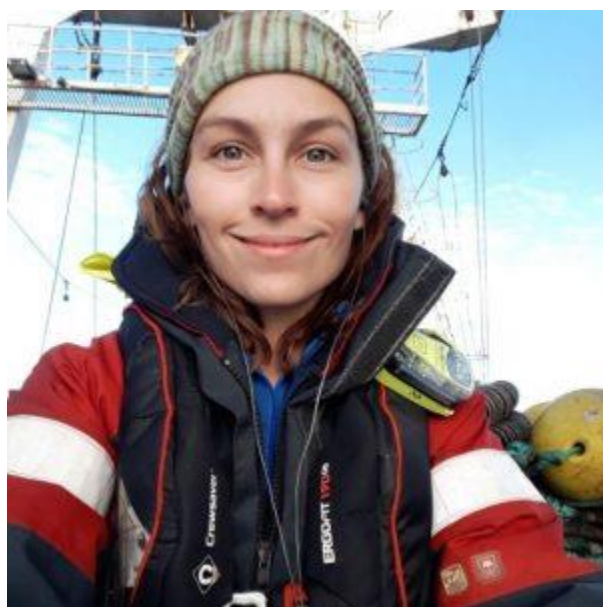


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PhD sends Amy Guest back to the books

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The last three months has been varied and eventful. December was mostly filled with reading, getting back in to the studying routine and carrying out some photo ID work for Dr Ander De Lecea's MMA project, looking at the images taken during SMSG's 2017 Roy Cove trip.

Fieldwork logistics work kept me busy leading up to 4th February, getting food and equipment ready for the 10-day Hummock Island dive trip with SMSG and SAERI members. What a fantastic and colourful world it is, under the Falkland's seas!

Finally, with the best news saved till last, I heard back from the University of Aberdeen with official confirmation that my PhD application was accepted for a February start! My project will look at the sub-tidal ecology of the Falkland Islands, with a biogeographical comparison of southern Chile's Straits of Magellan and Beagle Channel. Next comes the planning stages, with a fieldwork schedule and a literature review to construct. As part of my PhD programme, I will also be working with the Natural History Museum's South Georgia seaweeds (Darwin Initiative) project to broaden my experience, which starts 1st March for 4 weeks initially, working remotely.

Collaborators on the project include: the Shallow Marine Surveys Group, British Antarctic Survey, the University of Chile, the University of Magallanes and the Natural History Museum, London. My PhD supervisors include Dr Paul Brickle (SAERI/UoA), Professor Stuart Piertney (UoA) and Dr Alex Douglas (UoA). A big thanks to local sponsors, Falkland Islands Government's CDS fund, the John Cheek Trust and RBC Ltd.



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