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## Greetings from the polar bear

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On Monday evening, about 90 nautical miles off the coast of Greenland, we saw our first polar bear during this expedition. While a few of us just started dinner and mooring work was close to finishing at the working deck, the announcement came "There is a polar bear outside!" It was a mother with her young cub, which we could watch through our binoculars. With everyone safe on the ship and from safe distance, we could really enjoy this unique Arctic encounter.



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## From 70° South to 81° North

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Klaus is our ship's doctor for this expedition and is our person to contact for medical questions and emergencies. Although it's his first cruise on Polarstern, it is by far not his first travel to polar regions. Trained as an emergency surgeon, Klaus went for an overwintering to the Alfred Wegener Institute's Antarctic Neumayer Station III in 2019. There he was not only the station's doctor but also the head of the station and from time to time he wrote texts for the Neumayer blog. Taken by Antarctica, Klaus went south again in 2021 for a stay at the Kohnen Station further inland. And now he has swapped the station for the ship, going to the Arctic instead of Antarctica. First impression? Less additional duties, but way more patients. And he is happy to see the white frozen landscapes again, to which he already got used to.