Cruise Report for webpage – AX081117

The AX08 for November 2017 took place on the Maersk Visby which was travelling from Cape Town, South Africa, to Newark, United States of America.

315 XBTs were launched during the transect, with about 70 minutes between each launch.

The vessel speed was done at an average of 11 knots, and took 26 days.

A total of 7 Argo Floats were launched around the equator: every two degrees latitude from 4 degrees South to 8 degrees North.

Technical difficulties were centred around a faulty Autolauncher – it caused a No Splash error and somehow created errors with the MK21. Replacing the launcher solved the problems.

The weather during the cruise was mostly calm, but strong winds appeared during the last week of the cruise.