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## **RESEARCH** Feature

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with Eric Brossier Qikiqtarjuaq/ **Broughton Island** 

Northern News Services

Now in their second winter in Qikiqtarjuaq, researchers Eric Brossier and France Pinczon du Sel and their daughters Leonie and Aurore continue to live on their sailboat in the

This year's scientific program includes a study of the

algal bloom for a University of Laval partnership, glaciology studies for a York University researcher, and plankton sampling for partners in France.

This is the family's fourth winter in Nunavut, first living on the ice off Grise Fiord for two winters.

- text by Casey Lessard

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**Eric Brossier drills a core** to determine salinity, temperature and depth for the Takuvik laboratory's algal bloom study south of Qikiqtarjuaq.

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Eric Brossier performs ice and water analysis for the Takuvik laboratory's algal bloom study aboard Vagabond.



Charlie Aligatuqtuq rinses the clams he and Eric Brossier gathered off Qikiqtarjuaq, as Brossier's wife France Pinczon du Sel and their daughters Aurore and Leonie watch.

## Calbance on a sailboat

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Divers Charlie Aliqatuqtuq and Eric Brossier got to sample the clams they found while diving off Qikiqtarjuaq. Their dives were also for scientific sampling purposes.

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Eric Brossier and Charlie Aligatuqtuq dive for clams off Qikiqtarjuaq. The clams were for personal consumption as well as research.

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Eric Brossier pulls out ice cores for the Takuvik laboratory south of Qikiqtarjuaq.