

Giant iceberg threat to shipping lanes

An iceberg four times the size of Manhattan is drifting into the Nares Strait where it could cause havoc to shipping. The calving from the Petermann glacier in northern Greenland is the largest such event in 50 years and occurred in the wake of record high temperatures over the last six months

**PETERMANN
GLACIER**
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ARCTIC OCEAN

Nares Strait:
Navigable by ice-breakers Aug-Sep

Ice tongue
70km long,
floating on sea
surface

Iceberg
Area approx.
250km²

Glacier flow
1km/year

GREENLAND

BAFFIN
BAY

CANADA

Currents could carry ice towards
busy shipping lanes and oil platforms
off Canada's east coast within
one to two years

*Hibernia,
Terra Nova and
White Rose oil rigs,
near site of Titanic
sinking in 1912*



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