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Caladan Oceanic's Victor Vescovo and EYOS Expeditions dive with Prince Albert II of Monaco to the deepest point in the Mediterranean Sea

DALLAS, TX (February 12, 2020) The second phase (of five) of Caladan Oceanic's 2020 deep-diving expeditions has now been completed after sub pilot and explorer, Victor Vescovo and His Serene Highness, Prince Albert II of Monaco ventured down to the bottom of the Calypso Deep, the deepest point in the Mediterranean sea, on February 10. In conjunction with EYOS Expeditions and Triton Submarines, the team reached a newly calculated maximum depth for the Deep, using direct visitation and multiple modern sensors, of 5,109 meters +/- 1 meter. It was only the second manned visitation ever to the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea.

The Calypso Deep was first visited 55 years ago by Captain Gérard Huet de Froberville, Dr. Charles "Chuck" L. Drake (USA), and Henri Germaine Delauze on September 27, 1965 in the French bathyscaphe Archimède. Drake, Froberville, and Delauze reported a max depth of 5,110 meters (but no error term), thus making Vescovo and His Serene Highness, Prince Albert II of Monaco, the fourth (and second American), and fifth person (first Monegasque) to its bottom. Although the expedition did not set a new depth record, it validated that that the French mission in 1965 did, in fact, reach the deepest point of the Mediterranean Sea which until this point was not affirmed.

"I had the honor of being accompanied on my dive by His Serene Highness, Prince Albert II of Monaco, who acted as a scientific observer during the five-plus hour dive," reported Victor Vescovo. "We observed the bottom of the sea floor with evidence of marine wildlife but unfortunately, much more significant evidence of human contamination including numerous plastic bags, beverage cans, and even what appeared to be a discarded hose."

The mission was executed using the world's only certified, full ocean depth submersible, the *DSV Limiting Factor*, a Triton 36000/2 model designed and manufactured by Triton and fully accredited and classed by DNV/GL. This allowed the first head of state (Prince Albert II) to safely dive the deepest of any in history, to a depth of 5,109 meters.

Said Triton President and Co-Founder Patrick Lahey, "The successful dive to the Calypso Deep with HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, underscores the importance of a fully accredited submersible with the capacity to make repeated dives to any depth. Triton continues to advance the technology that makes human exploration of even the most remote places in our oceans possible for the first time in history. We are incredibly proud to have helped a fellow ocean enthusiast and kindred spirit visit the deepest point in the Mediterranean Sea."

The expedition was organized and led by EYOS Expeditions, who continues to manage the logistics and permitting for all of Caladan's 2020 dives.

"We assist our clients to get to the most remote and pristine regions of the world. It is always distressing to see such evidence of manmade pollution, an indicator that the impact of humankind extends to every corner of our planet," said Rob McCallum, Founder of EYOS. "Hopefully this dive can help bring more awareness to the plight of the oceans and inspire people to help drive positive change."

The next stop for Victor, the Caladan Oceanic crew and EYOS is the Red Sea, where they will conduct a week-long, in-depth scientific mission in cooperation with the *King Abdullah University of Science and Technology* to explore the unique hydrography, biology, and geology of the area.

A media kit with additional photos, videos and press releases from the Caladan Oceanic 2020 group of deep-diving expeditions can be found [here](#).

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About Caladan Oceanic

Caladan Oceanic is a not-for-profit private company dedicated to the advancement of undersea technology and supporting expeditions to increase the understanding of, and support, the productive sustainment of the oceans. Founder Victor Vescovo has long had a passion for exploration and has summited the highest peak on all seven of the world's continents including Mt. Everest, and skied at least 100 kilometers to both the North and South Poles. With the completion of the Five Deeps Expedition in August 2019, Vescovo became the first person in history to have been to the top of all the world's continents, both poles, and the bottom of all its oceans. He will be awarded the Explorer's Club Medal in March 2020.

About Triton Submarines, LLC

Triton Submarines of Sebastian, Florida, is the most experienced civil submarine producer in the world today – and the only contemporary manufacturer of acrylic-pressure-hull-equipped personal submarines to deliver multiple classed and certified vessels capable of diving to 3,300 feet (1,000 meters). Triton Submarines senior staff have over 350 years of combined experience with more than 80 different submersibles, and their operations team have together logged over 25,000 dives. Triton clients also enjoy superlative after-sales service and technical support from a company dedicated to their total satisfaction.

About EYOS Expeditions

EYOS Expeditions has been designing complex and challenging expeditions for private vessels since 2008. Drawing on the decades of experience of the company's co-founders, the EYOS team have delivered over 1,200 safe and successful expeditions to some of the most remote destinations on Earth. EYOS Expeditions holds several "world firsts" and routinely take clients to destinations rarely or never before visited. EYOS Expeditions and sister company Expedition Voyager Consultants have worked behind the scenes on many of the industry's groundbreaking itineraries and have a long history of delivering once-in-a-lifetime experiences for clients while maintaining the highest standards of safety, professionalism and environmental stewardship. EYOS Expeditions is today regarded as the industry leader for planning and operating remote expeditions using submersibles.

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