

**The Isle of Vallay Archaeology/Climate Change Expedition**  
**An Explorers Club Flag Expedition**  
**2017**

Rodrick B. MacLennan, FN 98, carried Explorers Club Flag #109 on an expedition to the wild and uninhabited island of Vallay in the North Atlantic to record the effects of rising seas and violent storms on endangered coastal archaeology sites. Since 1918, the flag has been carried on hundreds of expeditions: to outer space, to both Poles, to the deepest ocean, and to the highest peaks in the world.

In collaboration with his research associate, visual artist Dr. June Julian, the continuing objective of their *Isle of Vallay Archaeology Climate Change Expedition* is to record the current status of those early Mesolithic sites first discovered on the Isles of Vallay and North Uist by 19th century archaeologist Erskine Beveridge as impacted by climate change.

They have been awarded the prestigious Explorers Club Flag Award again for their second season, and they are planning to extend their field research during the Summer of 2017. This important work has implications for the preservation of shorelines worldwide.

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