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Weekend Edition: 10 Things to Do in New York's Art World Before May 2

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Alexander Ponomarev, Polar Man 3, 2016. Photo: Courtesy the artist and Richard Taittinger Gallery, New York.

Opening: "Alexander Ponomarev: Stored in Ice" at Richard Taittinger Gallery

A multidisciplinary Russian artist and former sailor who has had a lifelong fascination with the sea, Alexander Ponomarev presents two large-scale installations and a selection of drawings in his first solo show with this gallery. Fresh off a one-person exhibition at the prestigious Pushkin Museum in Moscow, Mr. Ponomarev comments on cultures both old and recent via the layers of life buried deep beneath the ice of the Antarctic Circle. His drawings of explorers, icebreakers and submarines on vintage maps of the southernmost part of the world are matched with sculptural installations that replicate the grandeur of the frozen terrain and the daring vessels that explore it. The display is seen as a prelude to the artist's upcoming voyage to Antarctica, where he will unveil his ambitious plans for the 1st Antarctic Biennale.

Richard Taittinger Gallery, 154 Ludlow Street, New York, 6-9 p.m.