

Outdoor play in the blizzard

It is a public holiday. Actually, I have no errand to perform outside my flat, but I have always been fascinated by the fury of the elements in bad weather conditions. Nuuk is a great place to experience extreme weather. Violent hurricanes, foehn winds from the Ice Sheet and blizzards characterize the weather of the town.

The blizzard started the day before. All traffic out of town was cancelled owing to the difficult situation with wind speeds of thirty to forty meters per second and more, and poor visibility due to larger and larger amounts of falling snow. The police advised to ornit all traffic. The roads were wet and slippery. Several cars had already crashed.

The day after in the afternoon the wind had not went down, and the snowfall continued. We ventured on to a drive in

the car. Good snow tyres resulted in a good road holder. The car stood firm, even though the wind was freshening. Around in the town, we saw several cars that were wrecked. One had smashed to pieces the front after an involuntary collision with a lamp-post made of steel.

The sea around the city sent cascades of foam over the rocky coast. Nevertheless, the seagulls continued to fly around above the rough sea. Far away from the coast we could see dozens of seagulls forage on the foaming sea.

Down on the old harbour the municipality has placed a small playground for children. Just as the seagulls some children defied the violent weather conditions. Comfortable indoors in the warm car, I took a snapshot of the children playing in the blizzard.



The old harbour in Nuuk, May 2013

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