

Travel in ice

A man, some sealskins and a wooden frame. The Greenlandic kayak has transported man for centuries. Once the kayak was a vital necessity for many people. Today the small vessel gives a break from the hectic modern life.

In South Greenland the sailing in the Greenlandic kayak often takes place in the pack ice. Man is a small insignificant piece in his small vessel between the large ice floes. The ice floes are always in motion and in a short time the ice is able to turn even large ships down. A relaxed evening excursion can suddenly become a dangerous travel. Therefore, it is good to be several kayaks together.

A kayaker often experience a situation, where it is difficult to overview the ice masses. If the sun is right in the eyes, and if the sun hits the sea surface smooth as a mirror, then even scattered pieces of ice look like one cohesive mass.

The conditions in the drift ice can change in a short time due to the ocean currents and the wind shifts. The flow of the tides usually gets the ice to thicken and release twice a day. This can provide favourable conditions that the kayaker immediately can take advance of.



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