Model East Greenland (Ammassalik) kayak, Kap Dan (Kulusuk), 75 cm



Bruce White photo

This unusually detailed model (collected in 1967) is made of sealskin on a wood frame. It has two lances (*avalisaq* [East Greenlandic]/*anguigaq* [West Greenlandic,WG]) on the afterdeck (usually only one is carried, on the starboard side), and a small lance (*angivaliit/kapuut*) on the foredeck. A hunter with carved face wearing the traditional white anorak is seated in the hatch whose opening is surrounded by a decorated sealskin rim. Behind the hatch is a wood representation of the inflated sealskin float (*avataq*, WG) that is attached to the harpoon line. The line rack (*asaleq/asaloq*) for the coiled harpoon line is in front, and underneath this is the leather rifle holster (*poortaq*, WG). On the starboard side is a model knob harpoon (*saaqqit/unaaq*; compare its butt end to that of the full-size winged harpoon from the Rosing collection) with pegged ivory seals on an ivory-edged throwing board (*ajatsit/norsaq*).

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