

Anchorage and Pilotage Greenland, west coast, and Baffin, east coast

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Greenland, west coast

Some new anchorages and possible improvements to existing anchorages already listed.

Names taken from Saga Map - Nussuaq

Nussuaq Peninsular

The Spit 70° 49' N 54° 11' W

Gives excellent protection in strong easterly winds. Open to westerly winds

Niaqornat

Anchorage was made in west winds on a hidden bank opposite a dried up stream on the east side and to the south of the settlement.

Uummannaq

Uummannaq, West Bay 70° 41' N 52° 00' W

A pleasant anchorage, strongly recommended in contrast to the crowded and ice prone main harbour, though quite a walk to the town.

Approach - best to keep close into the shore on either side. Good holding in reasonable depth. Open to the west but some protection even then from rocks and reefs

Ikerasak

Seems best to anchor in the bay to the north west of the Royal Greenland jetty, and more directly beneath the iconic peak. But subject to drifting icefloes as is any anchorage here.

Drygalskis Havlo

Two anchorages at the end of the fjords on east side of this large promontory:

The Slot Sermerdlat kangerdluat 70° 32' N 50° 45' W

The obvious slot to the north of the anchorage previously mentioned in the Pilot provides better protection from all but west winds. Fresh water lake to south east

A pleasant Scandinavian type anchorage with line ashore and kedge astern was made on the off-lying island between the two anchorages.

The Arrowhead Kujatdlikavsak 70° 30' N 55° 55' W

Another pleasant anchorage. Fresh water lake above to the south east. Well protected, though a little open to the north west

Inuit Camp Niaqornakavsak 70° 36' N 51° 13' W

By an abandoned Inuit camp, at the turn of the shore on the west side of this promontory.

Further south and more pleasing and scenic than the creek already mentioned in the Pilot.

Open but scenic, good fishing, fresh water stream with convenient pipe! but underwater reefs need care.

Further good anchorages possible round the corner to the south and north of Akuliaruseq Point. All open to the west

Agpat

Umiasugssuup ilua

I would only confirm that a lot of anchor chain is required as the shores are steep-to and the breeze is unpredictable in such a well protected place. No anchorages close to. Difficult for small boats

Qaqugdlugssuit

Waterfall Bank 70° 42'N 51° 10'W

Open anchorage made on a bank close in, by a waterfall and stream. Awaiting climbers in 2014

Windy Gulch 70° 45'N 51° 18'W

An anchorage was made between the mainland here and the off-lying island near the entrance. Subject to strong unpredictable katabatic winds but possible to get lines ashore. Not particularly recommended.

Anoritup nu

Lunch Stop

On the north east corner of Qaqugdlugssuit, an inlet used occasionally by local dories. Open to the west, and under water rocks on the north side. A pleasant temporary stop

Augpilagtoq

Festival Anchorage

On the southern promontory of Itivdliarssup (other half of Qaqugdlugssuit) by an old Fanghus This is the venue for the festival in or around July where three local settlements meet together annually

Baffin, east coast

Clyde River

A main settlement on the east coast of Baffin where it is possible to check in with the police for entry into Canada, and to buy a permit for your rifle.

Store, fuel, Wi-fi available, no mobile phone facility

Not a particularly user friendly anchorage. There can be a lot of ice held at the far end of the fjord by this settlement, and there is no jetty or wharf – anchor off and go in by dinghy for stores and fuel etc

Sam Ford Fjord

Walker Inlet 70°33'N 71°26'W

A toe hold for anchoring in reasonable depth was found in the south west corner, + line ashore. Kedge astern also useful as the fjords and peaks bend the wind round in unpredictable directions, and strengths.

A visiting boat moored up against the cliff at the southern end (pitons now in place). A small danger of stone fall perhaps but better than it looks.

Convenient fresh water stream at anchorage, and scenic lochans above to south west

Stewart Valley Access

An open anchorage but giving convenient access to the mighty, scenic, Stewart Valley. Anchor on a silt bank in the north west corner of the fjord past and on the opposite side from the Walker Citadel

Swiss Bay 70°31'N 71°01'W

A better anchorage. Quite close in on silt bank in south west corner recommended, in 10-15 metres. Generally, the wind goes up or down the fjord. Kedge astern useful

Gibbs Fjord

Scott Inlet Anchorage 71°10'N 71°19'W

Open roadstead on bank opposite river outflow. Good view of Scott Island

Polar Bear Anchorage 70°50'N 72°07'W

Named after a close encounter on the hill above. An open anchorage but gives shelter in the predominantly westerly winds. Anchor close to shore in 11-15 metres. Kedge astern useful for change of tides

Anchorage could also be made in the coves just to the north of the gap (passable) between Sillem Island and the off-lying small island at the south west corner

Refuge Bay 70°51'N 71°10'W

A scenic, pleasing anchorage at the far end of the fjord. Beware of sudden silt bank which comes out a long way. Anchor close to shore in south west corner. Kedge astern useful