

Nordkapp H20 & Jubilee

Valley Canoe Products (VCP)



Atlantic Kayak Tours Says: Not many kayaks are in a museum, but the Nordkapp is on display at the National Maritime museum in Greenwich, England. The Nordkapp is a classic. The Nordkapp has been on expeditions around the world. With each new Nordkapp generation it becomes an even better kayak. Fast, good tracking (with the skeg or modified hull) and handles rough conditions great. It is a long kayak, so it will not turn like an Avocet, but if you are paddling longer distances, the Nordkapp is a great kayak to be in. The Nordkapp is an expedition kayak and paddles best with a load in it. Many paddlers use it as a day tripper, but the Nordkapp comes into its own when it is packed with expedition weight. The photo above shows the skeg version and when you mouse over shows the modified hull (integral skeg) version. The photo at right shows the keyhole cockpit on the Nordkapp H20 and the Ocean cockpit on the pre Nordkapp Jubilee edition. Each of the three Nordkapp version has a different hulls (original, Jubilee, H20).

VCP Says: The Nordkapp is the premier example of the West Greenland Eskimo kayak style and is used worldwide for the most demanding sea kayak expeditions. It is a long and narrow kayak. It tracks well without a rudder and is very fast. It has a low deck and fine bow and stern: these features present minimum resistance to the wind and the boat continues to track straight and remains maneuverable under all conditions, whether loaded or empty. Valley Canoe Products now have produced the second generation of Nordkapp, called "Nordkapp Jubilee". It refines the original highly successful design by slightly changing the stem and stern contours. Moreover, a new anatomical design of the cockpit was incorporated into the Nordkapp Jubilee, which includes recessed rear coaming. This allows the paddler to lean well back while executing an Eskimo roll or just plain relaxing. There are several variations of the basic Nordkapp design. The most popular is a modified (M) hull with built-in skeg as a part of the hull. This boat tracks like a train, but requires good kayaking technique, such as edging, in order to turn. Another variation of the Nordkapp is the standard (S) hull, equipped with a retractable skeg. Such a configuration adds great versatility to the kayak - just dropping the skeg will instantly change a maneuverable kayak into a straight running one for difficult quartering seas. The Nordkapp Jubilee has the new keyhole (29.5") cockpit as compared to the standard (ocean) cockpit (20").

Nordkapp Standard Equipment

- Heavy-duty diolene reinforced construction
- Outside fiberglass seams
- Three Watertight fiberglass bulkheads
- Watertight VCP hatches (round 7.5" and two oval 16 x 9")
- Recessed deck fittings and compass recess
- Deck lines and bungee cords
- Yakima foot braces

Nordkapp Optional Equipment

- Henderson deck pump (mounted fore or aft)
- Retractable Skeg
- Customized positions of bulkheads
- Keel Strip or Custom Reinforcement
- Foot Pump
- Sectional boat (for air travel)

Specifications

- Length: 17'7"
- Width: 21.5"
- Depth: 13"

Cockpit

Length: 29.5", Width: 16"

Hatches

- Front: VCP Oval 16 x 9"
- Rear: VCP Oval 16 x 9"
- Day: VCP Round 7.5"

Weight

Approximately 58-60 lbs

2007 MSRP

- Fiberglass with Skeg \$3,225
- Pro Kevlar with Skeg \$3,799, Ultra Kevlar \$4,599