

## Trip Stats, Falkland Islands Circumnavigation

Duration: 22 Days, with 2 days off

Paddling Schedule: 2 shifts/day, appr 3/4AM to 9 AM10 AM, and 4/5PM to 9PM

Launch Stanley: Jan 5th 2009

Back in Stanley: Jan 26th, 2009

Distance covered: 615 Miles

Direction: Clockwise

Average Mileage/Day: 30.8 Miles

Gelcoat Repairs: 4

## Itinerary

Day 1	Stanley Harbor	Elephant Island	11 hours	46.2 Miles
Day 2	Elephant Island	Northern tip of Bleaker Island,	10 hours	45.0 Miles
Day 3	Bleaker Island	Driftwood Point	9 hours	14.6 Miles
Day 4	Driftwood Point	Bay South of Blind Island	8 hours	38.4 Miles
Day 5	Bay @ Blind Island	Calista Island		45.6 Miles
Day 6	Weatherbound on	Calista Island		0 Miles
Day 7	Calista Island	Fox Bay East		16.8 Miles
Day 8	Fox Bay East	Unnamed Island off Arch Islands		37.2 Miles
Day 9	Arch Islands	Bay across Bird Island		26.4 Miles
Day 10	Bird Isl. vicc.	Fox Island		56.4 Miles
Day 11	Fox Island	Dunnose Head		22 Miles
Day 12	Dunnose Head	Hummock Island		9 Miles
Day 13	Hummock Island-Roy	Cove-Whaler Bay		18 Miles
Day 14	Whaler Bay	Cove North of Death Head		23 Miles
Day 15	Death Head	Saunders Island		46.6 Miles
Day 16	Saunders Island			0 Miles
Day 17	Saunders Island	6 Miles West of White Rock Point		47.3 Miles
Day 18	White Rock Point	Creek 6 Miles East of Smylie Creek		20.1 Miles
Day 19	Creek	Black Point		54.3 Miles
Day 20	Black Point	Mac Bride Head		21.1 Miles
Day 21	Weatherbound at	Mac Bride Head		0 Miles
Day 22	Mac Bride Head	Stanley		51.5 Miles
			Total Mileage	639.4 Miles

## **Gear List Around Falklands Expedition**

NDK Explorer Kayak, skeg, foam seat\*\*\*  
Lental Carbon Kinetic S (main)  
Lental Carbon Kinetic S (spare)  
Snap Dragon Design Spray Skirt  
Hand pump  
Fiberglass repair kit  
Gelcoat repair kit  
Deckmounted chart case  
Paddle Leash (self made)  
Paddle leash for spare paddles  
8 feet clothing line rope and carabiner as tow rope

MSR Dragontail tent, single wall tent  
MSR Expedition stove\*\*\*  
MSR cooking pots  
Fuel: 2 Liters of Kerosine (needed only 1 Liter total)  
ThermaRest mattress  
Synthetic sleeping bag (Sierra Designs)  
5 MSR Dromeda Waterbags, for total of 12 Liters\*\*

Kokatat Expedition Drysuit  
Kokatat Fleece Liner jumpsuit  
Kokatat InnerCore Shirt\*\*  
Neoprene socks  
Short neoprene pants  
Neoprene gloves\*\*  
Neoprene pogies  
Some sailing neoprene water shoes  
Two synthetic hats  
Hooded neoprene cap

FM radio for weather forecast\*\*  
VHF Radio\*\*  
406 Mhz EPIRB  
4 Admiralty charts, xerox-ed on 8.5 x 11 waterproof paper  
British Forces Minefield Charts

Hiking shoes  
Two T-Shirts  
Two pair of socks  
Two sweatshirts  
One set of pants  
Camera  
2 books

\*\* marks items which have been lost or broke during the trip  
 \*\*\* marks items which broke, but could be repaired during the trip

2 Food Drops, one in Fox Bay West, and one in Saunders Island containing food for 2 weeks each (+ 2 weeks of food I set out with from Stanley)

**Port Stanley, Falkland Islands - Solar energy and surface meteorology**

Variable	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI
Temperature, °C	9.86	9.73	9.01	7.40	5.72	4.43	4.18	4.31	4.60	5.99	
	7.42	8.70									
Wind speed, m/s	8.77	9.00	9.55	9.84	9.35	10.29	10.50	10.21	10.22	9.50	
	8.99	9.05									
Precipitation, mm	72	51	53	53	55	49	46	43	37	38	
	43	64									
Wet days, d	11.8	10.8	9.9	11.1	10.9	9.6	9.5	8.7	8.7	9.4	10.7
	11.4										

**The Falkland Islands**

- Average yearly wind speed: 24 Miles/hr. By comparison, Plymouth, UK averages a yearly wind speed of only 6 Miles/hr.
- Minefields: 117 minefields, left by the Argentinian Forces during the Falkland War in 1982.
- Mines: 25,000
- Location: Between latitude 51 and 53 South, and longitude 57 and 62 West, 300 Miles West of Cape Horn.
- Number of islands: 778, with only 499 of them named and the vast majority of them uninhabited,
- Population: 2,478. 90% of the population of the Falkland Islands, appr 2,200 people, live in its capitol, Stanley.
- Ethnicity: 90% British and Irish descent (although the food is better in the Falklands), increasing immigration from St. Helena.
- Climate: The Falklands have a cool, oceanic climate dominated by Westerly winds. The annual temperature range is pretty narrow, between an average of 7 Degrees in the Winter and 10 Degrees Celsius in the Summer. This looks quite mild on paper, but the almost permanent wind chills makes temperatures plummet below freezing even in the Summer.
- Willy Waws: Willy Waws are sudden blasts of wind descending from cliffs or mountains into the sea. These gusts with wind speeds up to 90 Miles/hr., known in the

Falklands as "Woollies".

- Tourists: 500 year "land based" + hourly cruise ship visitors landing in Stanley
- National Parks/Nature Reserves: 17
- Local Economy today: Fishery licences, sheep farming, tourism
- Local economy yesterday: Slaughtering animals: It is estimated that between 1864 and 1880 alone that appr. 1.5 Million penguins were slaughtered for their oil and skins. In 1928, the taking of a total of 39,606 seals was reported. Ship repair business (cape Horn)
- Most used 4 Letter word in the Falklands: "Kelp"

History:

- 1592 first sighting John Davis
- 1690 first landing John Strong, however, Fuegians blown over
- 1764 first settlement
- 1800 whaling began
- 1997 internet service becomes available

Flora and Fauna:

Tussock islands, 5 different sorts of penguins, 65% of the world's albatross population, 170,000 on Steeple Jason Island alone.

- Schooling: Over the phone, traveling teachers