

Old, proud and weather-beaten

The town Sisimiut is home to many ships and boats that are active in fishing and hunting. There are brand new, advanced trawlers and boats with all modern equipment. But there are also many older types where technology and materials have a long history.

A beautiful example of an old ship is the fishing wessel Ananaq. Ananaq is the Greenlandic word for 'mother'.

Ananaq is here at the quay in the harbour of Sisimiut. The woodwork is still painted in its original light blue and white colours. She is still waiting for more cruises out in the archipelago and perhaps further out in the Davis Strait, as she is mirrored in the surface of the water.

Ananaq was built on the Danish shipyard H. Lunds skibs and Baadebyggeri (H. Lund's ship and boat building) in the city Kalundborg way back in 1961. Ananaq has for more than fifty years been an active fishing wessel in the Arctic waters of Greenland.

Ananaq got its name already from its first owner, who was The Royal Greenland Trade Company. The next owner was located in the now abandoned settlement of Kronprins Ejlande, but the owner moved to Ilulissat. Later the beautiful wessel was taken over by new owners in Sisimiut.

This hull has done the ice and the seawater in some of the world's most dangerous waters: Old, proud and weather-beaten.



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