

Paddlefest 1999

The Paddlefest held on July 11 was a huge success. There were over 30 sea kayakers on the Chatfield beach! It was an extraordinary sight especially when you consider this is Colorado.

We were graced with the presence of Maligiaq Padilla, the Greenland national champion kayaker. He gave

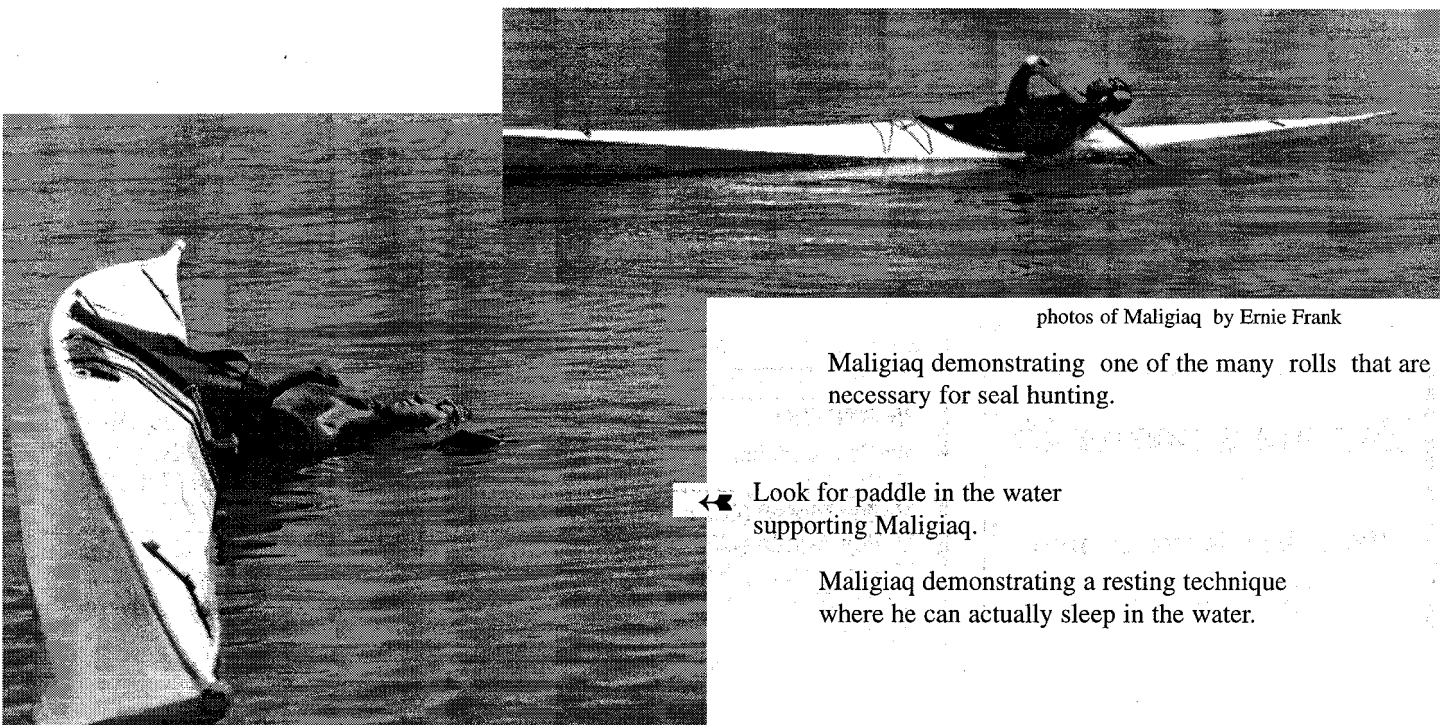
us a dazzling demonstration of different rolls, paddling techniques and even how to survive being pulled sideways by a harpooned seal (which was accomplished by six men running full speed up the beach with a rope tied to his kayak). It was an amazing display of kayaking skill!

The demonstration was followed by a day of instruction, which included strokes, bracing, wet exits, re-entries and how to pack a kayak for an extended trip. Along with a picnic lunch there was an abundance of socializing and a good time was had by all.

Let's make this an annual event!



A Big Gathering for Our 1999 Paddlefest



photos of Maligiaq by Ernie Frank

Maligiaq demonstrating one of the many rolls that are necessary for seal hunting.

← Look for paddle in the water supporting Maligiaq.

Maligiaq demonstrating a resting technique where he can actually sleep in the water.