Kayaking Around the World

And now, a few pieces of information about Aleksander Doba, who as the first person solo-kayaked across the Atlantic Ocean from one continent to another.

The kayaker was born in 1946 in Swarzędz. He graduated from the Poznań University of Technology with a degree in mechanical engineering. In 1975, he settled in Police with his family.

He adored sports. He soared in gliders, was a parachutist, sailor, and yacht helmsman, and trained in cycling.

He began his adventure in kayaking tourism in 1980. In 1989, he kayaked diagonally across Poland, starting his journey in Przemyśl and ending it in Świnoujście, covering 1189 km. In 80 days, he completed a 4227 km route called the "From Police to Police," which led there and back through the Baltic Sea, without entering bays.

Aleksander Doba's greatest achievement is solo kayaking across the Atlantic Ocean from Africa to South America. During his solitary voyages, he had to face storms, tempests, shark attacks, and even pirate raids. His living space on the kayak was 4 square meters, where he slept, ate, worked, and rested.

He was recognized for his activities. In the "National Geographic" plebiscite, readers chose him as the "Traveler of the Year 2015", and in 2018, he was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta and the Centenary of Regaining Independence Medal. He passed away on February 22, 2021, having reached the highest peak in Africa - Mount Kilimanjaro.