First Year Ice

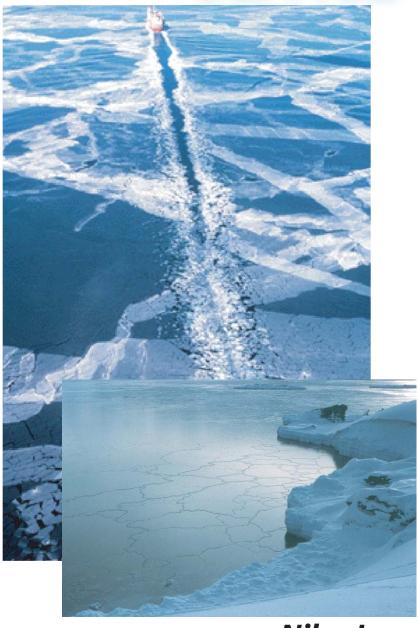


Grease Ice

Pancake Ice



SEA ICE



Nilas Ice

Grease ice is like slush

Nilas ice is like the thin brittle ice that forms over puddles that kids like to break through and smash.

Pancake Ice is a bit thicker but has rounded edges from smashing into other pieces of ice. Some kids (in Newfoundland) will play a game called "copying" where they hop from piece to piece of pancake ice. This is a very dangerous game.

On the "Icebergs and Sea Ice size" pancake ice is similar to the size of a bergy bit.

First year ice is about 2-3 meters thick and forms during the first year. All floes on the "Icebergs and Sea Ice size" handout refer to first year and multi-year ice.

Multi-year ice is a bit thicker, 3-5 meters, and forms over multiple years. This is the ice that researchers land planes on.