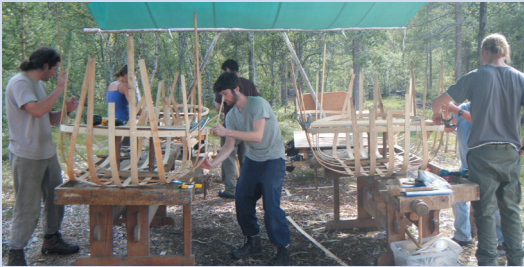


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Coracles come in all shapes and sizes - their design and construction built to suit the materials available locally, the local river conditions and their intended use. Associated craft include the currach, puffa, bull boat and parasil, to name a few. Coracles were traditionally made from willow or hazel and covered with animal hide. Modern coracles tend to be built with sawn laths of green wood, covered with natural or synthetic fabric or material and waterproofed with bitumen paint. Coracles made from fibreglass are also common

In the United Kingdom, they are most commonly associated with usage in Wales, where they are still used for net fishing today, though this increasingly under threat. However coracles can be found all over the United Kingdom, North America, Europe, the Middle and Far East

About The Coracle Society

We were founded in 1990 with the aims of:

- promoting the knowledge of coracles, currachs and allied craft, their making and use, and also their study and collection;
- taking all reasonable steps to support the continuance of fishing involving the use of coracles and to encourage the holding of coracle regattas, races and the like;
- publishing a newsletter as a means of communication between all those interested in coracles;
- using its best endeavours to obtain supplies of materials for the construction of coracles; and
- promoting demonstrations, courses, exhibitions, discussions and lectures relating to coracles

We do this with the support of our members, some of whom are coraclemakers today. We demonstrate the traditions of coraclemaking and coracling, and share its diverse and important history and traditions - to people of all backgrounds - keeping them alive for generations to come

Coracle demonstrations appear in all kinds of places and events, from schools, Scout groups and outdoor education centres, to family fun days, maritime shows, agricultural shows, traditional skills shows and more. We and our members run numerous coraclemaking courses and regattas throughout the United Kingdom and the world, all of which help us achieve our aims

For more information about coracles, the work we and our members do, or to join as a member, visit our website

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