L07-01 Exhibition of the “Ro” in the museum

Some historical or ethnic Museums in Japan may exhibit “Wasen” (Japanese traditional boat) and “Ro”. Here are some samples I know.

1 Hiroshima Country Museum

Hiroshima Kyodo Shiryo-kan, in the Minami-ward, Hiroshima city. It displays the real “Kawabune” (river boat on Ohtagawa river). It was running by sail and/or “Ro”.

Robeso; the navel of Ro (pivot) and Ro-nawa (rope) are offsetted from the center of the boat.

This ro is relatively short. I think it might also worked as the steering rudder while sailing.

Profile of the blade. is relatively simple as a hydrodynamic profile.

2 Hiroshima City Transportation Museum

The model of “Bezai-sen”, also called “Sengoku-bune” big boat for transportation on the near-coast sea route, in the Edo period. The small boat on the deck has several “Ro”.

The model of “Tenchi-maru” (1630), Shogun’s barge in Edo period. It has a sail and 10 ro-es on the side near the stern.