

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 display 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 berge in Edo period. It has a sail and 10 ro-es on the side near the stern.