

Status på nordiske klinkbådstraditioner

– over 1000 år gammel og stadig levende!

Abstract

Taking stock of Nordic clinker boat traditions

– 1,000 years old and still alive!

On December 14th 2021, Nordic clinker boat traditions were inscribed on UNESCO's list of the intangible cultural heritage of humanity. The Viking Ship Museum in Roskilde was part of the joint application from the Nordic countries and inscription is the culmination of the Museum's many years work with maritime cultural heritage in Denmark. Viking ships are what most people associate with the Museum but they are actually part of a much broader craft tradition – clinker-building – which can conservatively be traced back to the beginning of the Iron Age, and which has survived until today. With this article, a boatbuilder and archaeologist will take stock of Nordic clinker boat traditions, their significance for society and for us as a museum, as well as exploring the connections between intangible cultural heritage and maritime experimental archaeology.

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