

THE CORACLE THROUGH THE

Over 2000 years

years and has been used by hunter gatherers for many centuries. It is thought to date back to pre-Roman times

Remains interpreted as a possible coracle were found in an Early Bronze Age grave at Barns Farm near Dalnetv Rav Scotland



The Ancient Coracle

It is a known fact that the Romans saw coracles when they invaded Britain in 55 BC. Julius Caesar wrote in detail about small skin-covered boats he had seen while travelling the coastline.

‘The keels and ribs were made of light timber, then, the rest of the hull of the ships was wrought with wicker work and covered over with hides.’

He then used them in his military campaigns in Spain. During the Great Roman Civil War (49-45BC), Caesar’s army made use of the hide wicker boats he had seen during his invasion of Britain.

