

## Steersman Paddle

**Date**

1990's

**Primary Maker**

Stevens, Bill

**Medium**

Yellow cedar

**Description**

Large carved paddle with Haida formline killerwhale painted in red and black on one side of the blade, and a copper shield painted in red on the neck of the paddle below the handle. Black electrical tape has been wrapped around the shaft at intervals to fortify and provide grip. An original portion of cotton cord wrapping is found at the base of the shaft. A portion of the flared handle has broken off. A crack along the wood grain runs from the base of the paddle, approximately 76 cm long. Another crack ,about 46 cm long is evident near the belly of the painted killerwhale design.

**Dimensions**

Overall: 221 x 23.5 x 3.1 cm

