

Basic Detail Report



Seal Club

Date

1909

Medium

wood, yew wood(?)

Description

club for killing seals, carved from a single piece of wood (yew according to Newcombe), stained brownish black. club is roughly elliptical in cross section becoming flatter towards ends. handle tapers towards grip then flares into a square butt carved to represent a head with profile views of the face carved in relief on each surface surmounted by a curved hook beak with open worked rectangle cut through centre. beak has 3 curved incised lines along upper beak on each surface while lower beak has incised t form along bottom centre enclosing slightly

curved line at top and flanked by two short incised lines at each side. deeply incised line curves around lower beak 1.1cm from tip. face on each surface has profile view of arched eyebrow in slight relief; concave eye and cheek area with outline of lenticular eyelid in slight relief enclosing circular iris in relief; open mouth extends around side of club; wide nostrils with incised line across centre surmount mouth (all carved in relief), nostrils meet at side of club beneath flaring bridge of nose. crack (7.5cm long) through centre of butt has been repaired by two round headed copper rivets nailed between eyebrows and through centre of mouth. other end of handle flares forming head of club carved to represent the head of an animal with long tapering rounded snout. mouth is delineated by deeply incised line (20cm long) on each surface of head. elongated ovoid eyelid is lightly incised on one surface and delineated by a more deeply incised line on reverse surface enclosing a lightly incised circular iris. printed in black ink near centre of handle on one surface is 'Gold Harbour Vill./95 /123. ("123" has been erased out with pencil and replaced with "158").

Dimensions

Other: 7 x 3.3 x 83.3 cm (2 3/4 x 1 5/16 x 32 13/16 in.)