

CORACLES IN WALES HAVE BEEN MENTIONED THROUGHOUT THE AGES

Joseph Banks in a Journal of a Tour in Wales
1767

'Salmon fishing in Towy is carried on...perhaps the most ancient, and least artificial of any used in this island, perhaps in the world...they are called coracles, their shape is almost round...their edges are wated together with small rods, such as baskets are made of, in these are interlaced split sticks....over this is put a piece of flannel dipped in tar....guided by a small paddle.'



Erasmus Phillips on a tour of the west in **1717** mentions the coracle:

'go fishing on the Towy in a sort of boat called coracles which is made of hoops...and pitch'd blanketing and is portable.'



Mary Morgan, A Tour to Milford Haven, **1791**

Passed some men carrying coracles at Abergwili and didn't realise what they were at first.....

Salmon fishing with coracles 'made originally of hides but at present with canvas, strained over slight ribs of wood.

Sophia Ward, Tour from London to South Wales, **1791**

It is a wicker basket covered with flannel & tard over. This they use as a Boat & steer it very swiftly with a paddle.

