

Four are now commonly found. Fore and aft the hood-ends of the strakes are merely sewn to each other in a construction lacking either stem or sternpost. Instead the seam at each end is covered and protected outboard by a carved v-sectioned cap secured with only a few widely spaced stitches (Fig. 7). The weak attachment reflects the necessarily sacrificial purpose of the caps since, during launching and beaching, the craft's overhanging extremities are liable to impact in the surf, and are frequently damaged.



Figure 7. a) new stem-cap with only five stitches securing it. Velsao Danddo;
b) old stem minus its stem-cap, revealing closely oversewn hood-ends. Sernabatim.
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