

# If it isn't broke: Regional Shipbuilding Traditions and Maritime Networks in the Ancient Mediterranean

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By establishing a picture of the development and increasing complexity of maritime connectivity and transport from the Late Archaic to the Early Empire in the Mediterranean, Dr. Salay examines the growing evidence for regional shipbuilding traditions in the Northwest Mediterranean and the Northern Adriatic. In particular, he examines how and why these regional shipbuilding traditions persisted, in some cases over a millennium, despite the tremendous growth and cosmopolitanism of the maritime cultural landscape in the ancient Mediterranean.

As a result, Dr. Salay's work examines a number of questions applicable in many eras: What factors led to the adoption of new technology versus the retention of more established traditions? How did these techniques respond to the pressures of increasingly robust maritime transport networks? By asking such questions, he hopes to gain a fuller understanding of the complex and variegated ways that technological transfer took place, and to produce a more nuanced view of Mediterranean shipbuilding during this period.

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