

# Anstruther Pattern Oars

The shafts of the oars should be made from completely knot free lengths of Douglas Fir, Spruce, or similar. The initial size of 2.5" x 2.5" can be reduced to lighten the oar if the timber is of sufficiently good quality.

The "wings" are epoxy glued hardwood. The initial blanks are 1" x 1.5".

The Sclates and blocks are hardwood, screwed to the shaft of the oar. These will need replacement from time to time due to the wear against the kabes and rouths (which will also need replacement).

The hardwood should be as hard a wearing timber as can be found. The Anstruther skiffs originally used Scottish Oak, but these are being replaced with Greenheart when required.

It should be noted that the oars are 'handed' for each side of the boat.

There is no prescription in the rules as to whether the stroke position has to be on Port or Stbd.

