

SOME FINE SHIP MODELS COME TO AUCTION IN LONDON



Sudan tug El Hilal class

At **Charles Miller Ltd**, Maritime and Scientific Models, Instruments & Art to be sold by auction at 25 Blythe Road, London, W14 0PD on Tuesday 30th April 2019 at 11h00, precisely.

Lot 268; Estimate £1,500 – £2,500

El Hilal Class of push tug

A builder's model for the El Hilal Class quarter-wheel push tugs built for the Sudanese Government Agency by Yarrow & Co Ltd, Glasgow, 1954.

The carved and painted hull with lined lower and painted upper decks, painted and lined upper superstructure with wood veneer below, painted stern paddles with twin rudders, deck rails with painted meshing, covered bridge with gold plated helm and telegraph, lamps over, companionways, blue-painted funnel and slatted deck bench and other details, mounted on four ebonised metal columns within original wooden glazed display case with ivory builder's plate and wooden feet (plate warped). Overall measurements: 24 x 43½ x 18¼in. (61 x 110.5 x 46.5cm.)

The name El Hilal does not appear in the Yarrow lists and so must be the name for a class of six identical pusher tugs built in 1954 for the Sudanese Government. These were then dis-assembled, shipped to Sudan and re-assembled in situ as was commonly done for this type of river steamer from the mid-19th century. With the end of Empire in sight, however, this must have been one of the last such orders ever dispatched. The six vessels represented by this model are: Hurriyah; Imatong; Lado; Marra; Tagoog; and Taka. However their fates are unknown at present.



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Lot 280;

Estimate £3,000 – £5,000

Isipingo, Inchanga and Incomati

A builder's model for Isipingo, Inchanga and Incomati, built by Workman Clark of Belfast for the Bank Line in 1933-34. These three 7369gt sister ships were designed and built for the Africa – India route with connections to the Far East. Inchanga and Isipingo both served out their full careers and were both sold for breaking in 1964.

Incomati was less fortunate and was torpedoed and shelled by U-508 on 18 July 1943 while on passage between Takoradi, Walvis Bay, Durban and the Middle East, sinking with the loss of one life. There were 212 survivors saved by HMS Boadicea and HMS Bridgewater. U-508 was sunk in the Atlantic on 12 November 1943 by a USN Liberator which was destroyed with loss of her ten-man crew in an exchange of fire.

This model is 27½ x 66½ x 17in. (70 x 169 x 43cm.). The model has a laminated and carved hull with bilge keels, gilt brass propellers, lowered companionways, lined portholes and rudder, with lined boxwood decks with gilt and oxidised brass fittings as appropriate and including anchors with studded chain and winches, deck rails, bitts, ventilators, companionways, covered hatches, racked masts rigged with derricks and derrick winches, lined superstructure with bridge and overbridge with binnacle and wireless point, water tanks, fitted lifeboats in davits, stayed funnel with safety valve, extension pipe and whistle, engine lights, slatted deck benches, passenger saloon with tables and chairs. The lower decks with ventilators and other details, mounted on four turned wood green columns secured raised baize lined display base with signed written details within original wood bound glazed case with solid top

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- * In person, registration required
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