



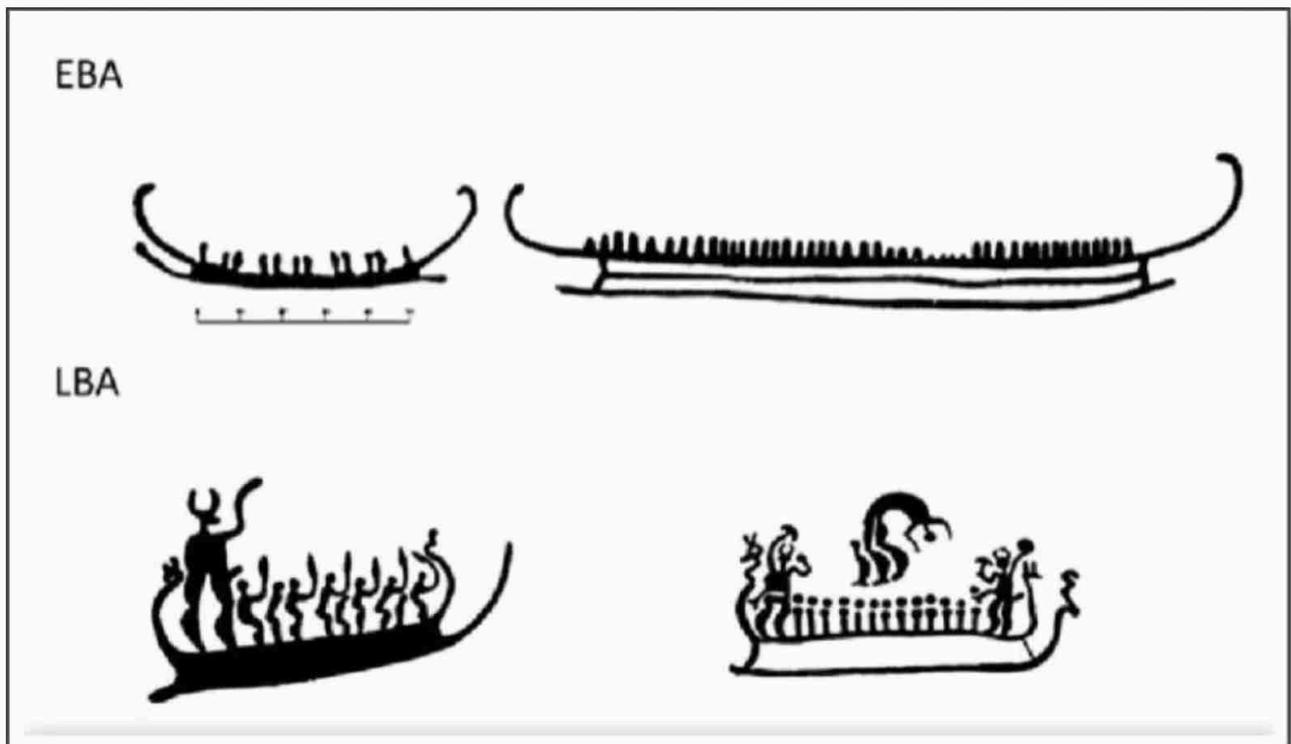
# Viking Rock Art

Allan Krill's new paradigm for Scandinavian archaeology

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Most Scandinavian petroglyphs are said to predate the Iron Age by hundreds of years. Those interpretations are based on 'shoreline datings', which give only maximum ages. The hypothesis that Scandinavian petroglyphs were produced by early Vikings using iron tools has been avoided by archaeologists, but is being discussed here. *(There are no visitor trackers on these web pages.)*



Each line on a ship in a petroglyph may signify two paddlers, seen from the side. The top left shows paddlers sitting next to each other. The pictures at the bottom clearly indicate that dragon heads were common on ships in the Nordic countries as early as 3000 years ago. Often you can also see the paddles, as in the picture at the bottom left. A helmet with horns was worn in the Bronze Age, but almost never during the Viking Age, unlike popular culture would have us believe. The bottom image to the right is the most advanced, and dates from the latter part of the Bronze Age. It shows swords, axes, and possibly phalluses. (All images from Tanum's Petroglyph Museum)

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