

Irish Boat Customs

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When my Jewish ancestors in the Spanish Armada gave up the battle, and turned crosswise across the North Sea, eventually ending up in Ireland, they established the custom of having Irish boats, facing crosswise.

This longstanding custom is now part of a cultural tradition and should not be mocked or interfered with by those of non-Irish descent. Neither should it be appropriated by anybody who does not share the mixture of genes that make us Irish the distinctive group that we are today.

A solution to safely transporting boats in the Irish manner, would be to turn the wheels of the car ninety degrees (any neighbourhood mechanic will oblige), so that the car runs sideways, but the boat fore and aft.

This suggestion adds to the impeccable illogic of Dialogue Correspondent Robin Briant's suggestion, that we drive on the other side of the road.

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