Haida Canoes Awe Explorers

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THE EARLIEST white explorers on the west coast, both English and Spanish found much to admire.

In particular, they were impressed by the beautiful, seaworthy Indian canoes, some them almost as long as their own ships.

Strangely, the Indians did not use sails, although they very soon adopted their use after learning their advantage from the white men.

HAIDAS from the Queen Charlotte Islands were known to have sent many raiding parties as far south as California and perhaps far beyond—an amazing feat when only paddles were in use.