



*Warmth from  
the edge of the world*

INIS MEÁIN KNITTING CO. — Aran Islands, Galway Bay, Ireland.

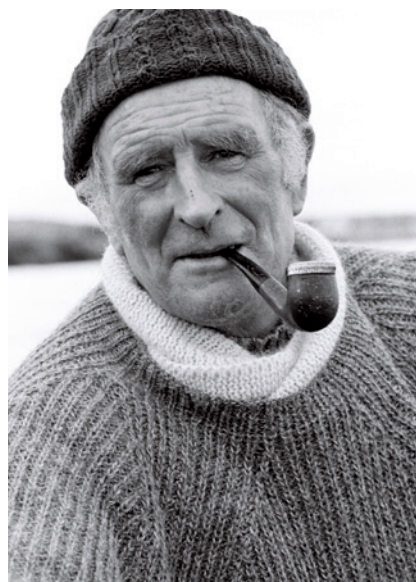


The traditional fishing boat of the Aran Islands is the curach, the symbol of our brand. The timber frame is patiently moulded and joined by the skilled BOATBUILDER or curach maker and covered with canvas and sealed with tar, so that it is sufficiently lightweight to be lifted from the shore well up from the wild Atlantic.

From our archives, Inis Meáin has reproduced the BOATBUILDER sweater this season. The distinctive ribbed pattern gives warmth while fishing but also allows flexibility to the craftsman as he painstakingly builds the new curach through stormy winter months.

Workwear Arans, strikingly colourful Donegals, and comfortable classics complete the collection which also features the new “Moss” sweater in subtle colour combinations.

The BOATBUILDER of course also had to fish for a living and took to the sea proud of his workmanship, confident of his endeavour and ever wary of the wild ocean. As the words of a favourite island fishing song put it “*Gan idir mé féin is an tsíoraíocht ach an t-éadach tanaí tar*” —“Nothing between me and eternity but this thin tarred cloth”, comfortable, practical and stylish.



For centuries the fishermen's garments have been knitted by the women of the island. It is a tradition that is old beyond memory. And yet as fresh, as contemporary as the next wave....











*Go maire tú is go gcaithe tú é*  
MAY YOU LIVE LONG TO WEAR IT

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