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**Pair of South Indian Hand-Carved Fore and Aft Indian Snake Boat Prows**

*1st Quarter 20th Century*

these unique carvings are from a Churulan Vallam, a traditional narrow boat used in the famous snake boat races of Kerala, South India and powered by approximately 45 people; the prow is carved as a "churul" meaning a ring out of local aini wood and adorned with incised carvings and inset metal embellishments; some missing metal elements with overall wear and abrasions

*Height: 28" 27"*

*Seat height:*

*Width: 30.5" 29"*

*Depth: 5.25" 5.5"*

*Diameter:*

*Drop:*