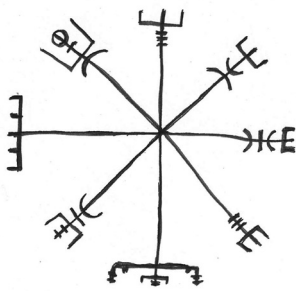


Brinrunar Runes

All runes are powerful, as is creating and using your own personal symbol to work with the ocean. But the old Brinrunar runes have years and years of tradition woven into their shapes, and are a sign calling to the ocean. You can work with these runes no matter how far you may be from the shore, in order to bring you back to the energy of the sea, and her cleansing and her power. The Brinrunar were traditional runes that were carved into ships' prows or into the tackle to keep it and the sailors using it safe and well, protected from storms and able to always find their way. Before you go on any trips, especially over water, you too can use the Brinrunar to protect you. The old gods hear and recognise these letterings, and it makes them pleased indeed to know there are those amongst we modern humans who have not forgotten how to connect and pay tribute to the spirits of the sea.



Icelandic singer and seer Bjork has a Brinrunar sea rune as a tattoo on her upper left arm. It is vegvisir, a rune that was drawn on the foreheads of Vikings to guide them through wild seas and bring them home once more, a magical sign to help one find their way through rough weather. Bjork got this tattoo at the age of seventeen. It is a compass, which helps her to know the way, and to always find the right path. It is a powerful rune for voyagers and those who would cross the vast places, travel into the ocean and, symbolically, those who would travel into their own subconscious and live by their own compass. The one who wears this rune, it is said, will never get

lost, although to others standing on the shore they may appear to wander. Here are some Nordic runes, very powerful, spare and clean, which were used in conjunction with sea energy and ocean magics.



Sowilo: This rune means sun, and embodies the energies of the sailor, the traveller and the teacher – sowilo draws to you wise counsel and good governance, inspiration and true teachings. It will bring great blessings if you are to travel, especially over water. Drawing out this rune or working with it magically will recharge, refresh and help you reconnect with flowing, healing energy. It will also help you to move on from stuck situations.



Laguz: This rune is strongly connected to the power of water – all water, including rain, river, lake, well, sea, drinking and life-giving water. It was worked with by sea voyagers to help them get through storms, and the incredible primal power of the ocean when no shore was to be seen. It is associated with emotion, psychic knowledge, intuition, movement and receptivity, and it can also indicate emotions being dominant and perhaps overwhelming. It connects you directly to the Well of Wyrð, the deep nourishing well of life in the Nordic or Asatru traditions, and to Aegir, the sea god of the Norse. Additionally it can assist you in “hiding” or taking something very deep, where it can be protected.



Kenaz: This rune is related to vision, inspiration, revelation, knowledge and creativity. It indicates change, and the cleansing power of the ocean to wash away stagnant thoughts or situations, and prepare for something new. It also holds the mer energy of sensuality, passion and love, and changing for the better.



Celtic Love Knot: The Celtic knots so beloved in artworks, and which can be found on rings, spoons and monuments in the Celtic sea kingdoms, have their origin as sea ropes. There is a Celtic knot called the sailor's knot, made of two intertwined ropes looping together, becoming one, with no beginning and no end, which became known over time as the Celtic Lover's Knot. It symbolises ecstatic union, coming together and perfect marriage. Celtic sailors wove these for their sweethearts while at sea.