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Two Stamped Amphora Handles from Ḥorbat Naẓur

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Two stamped amphora handles were found in the excavation at Ḥorbat Naẓur (see Yannai, this volume). Both belong to the Rhodian class. Conventions regarding the readings follow Ariel and Finkielsztejn 1994.

1. Reg. No. 20239, L2063, Area B.
Rectangular stamp

ʽΡόδω
νος

As opposed to ʽΡόδων 2nd, who appears on one line with a herm device (see Ariel and Finkielsztejn 1994:214, SAH 76), ʽΡόδων 1st employed a two-line stamp without device. This type is published in Nilsson 1909:478, No. 369,1, and Grace 1934:231, No. 61. Recently, Nicolaou discussed the second homonym (Nicolaou 2005:205–206, Nos. 535–536). An amphora of this fabricant was dated by ʼΟνασάνδρος (Getov 1989:42, No. 1, my correction of the reading from the photo; see Jöhrens 1999:30, under No. 57; Coulson, Mook and Rehard 1997:56, under No. 27, may also be referring to this amphora). Also, an association with the eponym Χαρμοκλῆς in Conovici and Irimia 1991:164, No. 286 was noted by Jöhrens (1999:36, under No. 81). Both of these eponyms were dated by Finkielsztejn (2001) to Period IIb (c. 219–c. 210 BCE). While a restricted date for ʽΡόδων 2nd's activity in Period IIb is possible, it would be more prudent to date the fabricant's activity more generally in Period II.

2. Reg. No. 20415, L2131, Area B.
Circular stamp

[- - - Θε]σμο[φορ]ί[ου- - -]
rose

Based upon the stamp, the date for this amphora handle cannot be refined in any significant way. The handle's angular profile, however, points to a date in the second century BCE.

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