

# FISH TERMINOLOGIES

## Maritime Craft Type Thesaurus

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100 Gun Ship

USE **FIRST RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

24 Gun Ship

USE **SIXTH RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

30 Gun Ship

USE **SIXTH RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

32 Gun Ship

USE **FIFTH RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

36 Gun Ship

USE **FIFTH RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

4 Masted Ship

USE **FULL RIGGED SHIP**

44 Gun Ship

USE **FIFTH RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

5 Masted Schooner

USE **SCHOONER**

5 Masted Ship

USE **FULL RIGGED SHIP**

64 Gun Ship

USE **FOURTH RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

70 Gun Ship

USE **THIRD RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

72 Gun Ship

USE **THIRD RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

74 Gun Ship

USE **THIRD RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

90 Gun Ship

USE **SECOND RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

A Class Submarine

USE **SUBMARINE**

Admiralty Collier

USE **ADMIRALTY VESSEL  
COLLIER**

SN Use both terms.

Admiralty Drifter

USE **ADMIRALTY VESSEL  
DRIFTER**

SN Use both terms.

Admiralty Lighter

USE **ADMIRALTY VESSEL  
LIGHTER**

SN Use both terms.

Admiralty Netlayer

USE **ADMIRALTY VESSEL  
NET LAYER**

SN Use both terms.

Admiralty Oiler

USE **ADMIRALTY VESSEL  
OILER**

SN Use both terms.

Admiralty Trawler

USE **ADMIRALTY VESSEL  
TRAWLER**

SN Use both terms.

Admiralty Tug

USE **ADMIRALTY VESSEL  
TUG**

SN Use both terms.

**ADMIRALTY VESSEL**

UF Admiralty Collier  
Admiralty Drifter  
Admiralty Lighter  
Admiralty Netlayer  
Admiralty Oiler  
Admiralty Trawler  
Admiralty Tug  
Admiralty Whaler

SN Any vessel which has been hired or impressed for use by the Admiralty.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

Admiralty Whaler

USE **ADMIRALTY VESSEL  
WHALER**

SN Use both terms.

**ADVICE BOAT**

SN A small, fast boat used for carrying orders between sailing vessels.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

**AIRCRAFT CARRIER**

SN A major warship equipped with a clear flat deck to provide a landing and taking off place for aircraft.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT WARSHIP

RT AIRCRAFT CATAPULT VESSEL

**AIRCRAFT CATAPULT VESSEL**

SN A vessel fitted with a catapult for launching an aircraft.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

NT CATAPULT ARMED MERCHANTMAN

RT AIRCRAFT CARRIER

SUBMARINE SEA PLANE CARRIER

**AMMUNITION BARGE**

SN Shallow draft vessel used to carry ammunition.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT BARGE

**AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE**

SN Vehicle either adapted, or purpose-built, to operate on both land and sea, for example a tank or DUKW.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

**ANTI AIRCRAFT VESSEL**

SN A vessel (often small obsolete cruisers or pleasure steamers) equipped with batteries of anti aircraft guns as its main armament.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT WARSHIP

## ANTI SUBMARINE VESSEL

- SN A small warship (often adapted from a trawler or drifter) used to hunt enemy submarines.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT ESCORT VESSEL

## ARMED BOARDING STEAMER

- SN Mercantile vessel converted during the First World War for the purposes of examining and boarding enemy vessels.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT WARSHIP

## ARMED CARGO VESSEL

- SN A vessel used for carrying cargoes, fitted with defensive weapons. Use with specific type and form where known.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT CARGO VESSEL
- NT SUBMARINE TENDER

Ascot Class Minesweeper

USE **MINESWEEPER**

## ATTACK SUBMARINE

- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT SUBMARINE
- NT U BOAT (TYPE U31)  
U BOAT (TYPE U43)  
U BOAT (TYPE U5)  
U BOAT (TYPE U81)  
U BOAT (TYPE U87)  
U BOAT (TYPE U93)  
U BOAT (TYPE UB1)  
U BOAT (TYPE UB2)  
U BOAT (TYPE UB3)

Auxiliary Minesweeper

USE **MINESWEEPER**

Auxiliary Mooring Vessel

USE **MOORING VESSEL**

Auxiliary Trawler

USE **TRAWLER**

B Class Motor Launch

USE **MOTOR LAUNCH**

B Class Submarine

USE **SUBMARINE**

## BANKER

- SN A fishing vessel employed exclusively on the Grand Banks cod fisheries.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT FISHING VESSEL

## BARGE

- UF Roads Barge  
Stumpsail Barge  
Swimhead Barge  
Topsail Barge
- SN Shallow draft cargo vessel, often broad beamed and flat bottomed, powered by engine and or sail.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT CARGO VESSEL
- NT AMMUNITION BARGE  
CRANE BARGE

- HOPPER BARGE
- LUG BOAT
- MOORING BUOY LIFTER BARGE
- MUD BARGE
- PILE DRIVING BARGE
- REFUGE BARGE
- SPRITSAIL BARGE
- TANK BARGE

## BARQUE

- SN A sailing vessel, generally with three masts, square rigged on the fore and main mast.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT SQUARE RIGGED VESSEL

## BARQUENTINE

- SN Sailing vessel generally with three masts square rigged on the foremast only.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT SAILING VESSEL <BY RIG>

## BARRAGE BALLOON VESSEL

- SN A vessel used as a platform for flying a barrage balloon from.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

Basilisk Class Destroyer

USE **DESTROYER**

## BATTLECRUISER

- SN A capital warship lightly armoured but with the same gun armament and steam turbine propulsion as a DREADNOUGHT BATTLESHIP.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT WARSHIP

## BATTLESHIP

- UF First Class Battleship  
Orion Class Battleship
- SN A capital warship, often steam driven, heavily armoured with armament of large calibre guns deployed in turrets.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT WARSHIP
- NT DREADNOUGHT BATTLESHIP

## BAWLEY

- SN A small coastal fishing vessel peculiar to Kent, cutter rigged.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

## BEETLE UNIT

- SN Concrete or steel pontoons that supported the Whale piers. They were moored in position using wires attached to Kite anchors.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT WHALE UNIT

## BILLYBOY

- SN Single masted east coast trading vessel, ketch rigged or single masted.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

## BLOCK SHIP

- SN A hulk or obsolete vessel filled with cement or similar material and scuttled to block an entrance

to a port or anchorage, usually as a defensive measure.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

#### **BOARDING BOAT**

SN Any boat used to transfer crew from shore to an offlying vessel. May also carry the catch from a fishing boat to shore. Used as special boats by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for conveying crew from the beach to a moored lifeboat.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT TRANSPORT VESSEL

Boat

USE **CRAFT**

#### **BOEIER**

UF Boier

SN A Dutch barge-like sailing vessel whose shallow draught enables it to navigate in shallow water not accessible by other vessels. Used for fishing or carriage of cargo in the 19th century this type of vessel was adapted for use as a type of leisure craft.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORM/TYPE>

Boier

USE **BOEIER**

#### **BOMB SCOW**

SN A vessel used to transport bombs and depth charges from the shore to flying boats during the Second World War.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT TENDER

#### **BOMB VESSEL**

SN A sailing warship armed with one or more heavy howitzers or mortars and used for bombarding shore positions. The modern equivalent is the MONITOR.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT GUNBOAT

#### **BOMBARDON**

SN A floating breakwater in the form of a hollow cruciform tube 200 ft long by 25 ft high. Bombardons were designed to reduce the height of waves and formed the outer breakwater of the Mulberry harbours.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT MULBERRY HARBOUR

#### **BOOM DEFENCE VESSEL**

SN A vessel for maintaining the buoys, hawsers and netting of a boom defence.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

#### **BRIG**

SN Two masted vessel with a square rig on both masts.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SQUARE RIGGED VESSEL

#### **BRIGANTINE**

SN A two masted craft which is square rigged on

the foremast and fore and aft rigged on the main mast.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SAILING VESSEL <BY RIG>

#### **BUCKET DREDGER**

SN A self propelled vessel for deepening harbours using a continuous chain of buckets

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT DREDGER

#### **BULK ORE CARRIER**

SN Large cargo vessel specially built and equipped for handling large quantities of ore.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT CARGO VESSEL

C Class Destroyer

USE **DESTROYER**

C Class Submarine

USE **SUBMARINE**

#### **CABIN CRAFT**

SN A small vessel with a cabin as an integral part of its construction.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT LEISURE CRAFT

NT CABIN CRUISER

#### **CABIN CRUISER**

SN A type of motorboat that provides accommodation for crew and passengers within the crafts cabin. Cabin Cruisers are usually between 25 feet and 45 feet long in length and are not to be confused with cruise ships which are substantially larger.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT CABIN CRAFT

#### **CABLE LAYER**

SN A ship used for laying cables (often telephone cables) along the sea bed.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

Cam Ship

USE **CATAPULT ARMED MERCHANTMAN**

#### **CANOE**

SN A small open boat, usually a very light craft propelled by a paddle.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT CRAFT

#### **CAPER**

SN 17th/18th century lightly armed privateer, usually either a 'Dunkirker' or Dutch.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT PRIVATEER

Captain Class Frigate

USE **FRIGATE (NON SAIL)**

#### **CARAVEL**

SN Small two or three masted ship used as trading vessels in the medieval mediterranean.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORM/TYPE>

#### **CARGO VESSEL**

SN A craft used for the transportation of cargoes.

Use specific type where known.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT TRANSPORT VESSEL  
NT ARMED CARGO VESSEL  
BARGE  
BULK ORE CARRIER  
COASTER  
COLLIER  
CONTAINER SHIP  
DROMOND  
DRY BULK CARGO CARRIER  
FLUIT  
FREIGHTER  
GALEAS  
HULK (SAIL)  
LIBERTY SHIP  
LIVESTOCK SHIP  
NARROW BOAT  
PASSENGER VESSEL  
PUFFER  
SLAVE SHIP  
TANKER  
VICTORY SHIP

#### CARRACK

SN A three masted vessel with a square rig on the fore and main masts and lateen rig on the mizzen mast.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

#### CARTEL

SN Transport vessel, usually a hired vessel of mercantile origin, used for the exchange of prisoners-of-war; sometimes, specifically a hospital ship with such prisoners.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT TRANSPORT VESSEL

#### CARVEL

SN A small cargo craft, usually with two masts and a lateen rig.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

#### CASUALTY CLEARING SHIP

SN Transport vessel used for the repatriation of wounded troops, particularly during the First World War. Loosely described as "hospital ships", these ships were distinct from hospital ships proper by being defensively armed.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT TRANSPORT VESSEL  
RT HOSPITAL SHIP

#### CATAMARAN

SN A multihulled craft consisting of two hulls, or vakas, which are usually joined together by a frame or other structure, formed of akas. Catamarans can be sail or engine powered.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CRAFT

#### CATAPULT ARMED MERCHANTMAN

UF Cam Ship  
SN World War II-era British merchant ships used in convoys as an emergency stop-gap until sufficient escort carriers became available. They

were equipped with a rocket-propelled catapult launching a single Hawker Sea Hurricane plane.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT AIRCRAFT CATAPULT VESSEL

#### CHAIN FERRY

SN A small ferry powered by steam or diesel engine, which pulls vessel from one side of a river crossing along submerged chains.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT FERRY

#### CHASSE MAREE

UF Chasse Marie  
SN French coasting vessel  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

Chasse Marie

USE CHASSE MAREE

Cherokee Class Sloop

USE SLOOP OF WAR

#### CLIPPER

SN Generic term for fast sailing ships with schooner rig and fine hull lines.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

#### COAL HULK

SN Old ship converted to a floating coal store.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT HULK

#### COASTER

SN Small cargo vessel used for short coastal voyages carrying a variety of cargoes.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CARGO VESSEL  
NT KOF

#### COASTGUARD VESSEL

SN From 1822, any vessel in the service of HM Coastguard, principally deployed on Customs and Revenue duties, i.e. anti-smuggling operations. Superseded the Preventive Service Vessel.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VESSEL  
NT REVENUE CUTTER  
RT CUSTOMS BOAT  
PREVENTIVE SERVICE VESSEL

#### COBLE

SN A small clinker-built craft, dating primarily from the 19th and early 20th centuries, fitted with oars and often a sail, usually found on the north-east coast of England and used for fishing or pilotage.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CRAFT  
NT FOYBOAT

#### COG

SN North European medieval merchant vessel.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

#### COLLIER

UF Admiralty Collier

SN A vessel for carrying a cargo of coal in bulk.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CARGO VESSEL

#### CONTAINER SHIP

SN A cargo vessel designed to carry goods packed in large containers that can be loaded directly onto trains or lorries.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CARGO VESSEL

#### CONVICT TRANSPORT

SN Transport vessel hired for the enforced removal of convicts to penal colonies abroad (e.g. Virginia, Australia), or for their return to Britain.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT TRANSPORT VESSEL

#### CORACLE

SN A small craft of wickerwork covered with waterproof material.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CRAFT

#### CORSAIR

SN Privateer operating under government licence to act against enemy merchant shipping. The term is closely associated with North African privateers which operated off the Barbary coast prior to the mid-1800's.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT PRIVATEER

#### CORVETTE (NON SAIL)

SN A small anti submarine escort vessel built in World War II  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT ESCORT VESSEL

#### CORVETTE (SAIL)

SN A flush decked sailing warship with a single tier of guns.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT ESCORT VESSEL

#### CRAFT

UF Boat  
Ship  
SN All vessels, use more specific type where known.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
NT CANOE  
CATAMARAN  
COBLE  
CORACLE  
GIG  
HOVERCRAFT  
HYDROFOIL  
LOGBOAT  
SCHUIT  
SEWN BOAT  
SHIPS BOAT

#### CRANE BARGE

SN A shallow draft vessel used to carry a crane.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT BARGE

#### CRAYER

SN A small, single-masted merchant vessel, designed for maximum hold capacity and not for sailing ability.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

#### CRUISE BOAT

SN Open decked vessel used for sight seeing or pleasure voyages.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT PASSENGER VESSEL

#### CRUISE SHIP

SN A passenger vessel equipped with recreational facilities for long voyages for pleasure and sight seeing.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT PASSENGER VESSEL

#### CRUISER

UF Second Class Cruiser  
SN Large warship equipped with turret mounted guns. Intended for independent action for trade protection, reconnaissance and fire support for amphibious operations.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT WARSHIP  
NT LIGHT CRUISER

#### CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VESSEL

SN Any vessel in the service of one of the historical or modern agencies concerned with the prevention of inbound or outbound smuggling: namely the Preventive Service, the Coastguard, or the Customs and Excise. Use more specific term.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
NT COASTGUARD VESSEL  
CUSTOMS BOAT  
PREVENTIVE SERVICE VESSEL

#### CUSTOMS BOAT

SN A small vessel used as transport for customs officers.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VESSEL  
RT COASTGUARD VESSEL  
PREVENTIVE SERVICE VESSEL

#### CUTTER

SN A small one masted craft, often using oars as well as sails.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

#### D Class Destroyer

USE DESTROYER

#### DAN LAYER

SN A vessel used for the laying and removal of buoys and other navigational markers.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT HARBOUR SERVICE CRAFT

#### DANDY

SN Ketch or yawl rigged vessel with a large mizzen sail used in the west country.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

### DECOY VESSEL

- SN A vessel, usually a merchant vessel, altered to resemble a warship or another vessel.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL
- NT DUMMY WARSHIP
- Q SHIP

### DEGAUSSING VESSEL

- SN A vessel containing equipment for reducing the magnetic structure of a ship's hull making it immune to magnetic mines.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

### DEPOT SHIP

- SN A ship acting as a base for smaller vessels and or submarines.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

### DESTROYER

- UF Basilisk Class Destroyer  
C Class Destroyer  
D Class Destroyer  
Hunt Class Destroyer  
R Class Destroyer  
Scott Class Destroyer
- SN A very fast small warship, armed with small calibre guns and torpedoes. Used for attacking enemy vessels, escort duties and anti submarine duties.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT WARSHIP
- NT TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER

### DINGHY

- SN A type of small boat that was often carried, or towed by a larger vessel and used as a ship's boat. Dinghies can also be used recreationally as independent sailing vessels.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT TENDER  
LEISURE CRAFT  
SHIPS BOAT

### DISTILLING SHIP

- SN World War II naval support vessel usually converted from a mercantile or other warship type and used for the distillation of water by both the Royal Navy and the American Navy.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

### DIVING SUPPORT VESSEL

- SN A vessel used to carry supplies and equipment needed by recreational or deep sea divers.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT SERVICE VESSEL

### DOGGER

- SN A short wide-beamed Dutch craft, often used as a fishing vessel or, in the 17th and 18th centuries, a privateer due to its manoeuvrability. Fitted with a ketch rig or variations thereof. Used extensively in the North Sea.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT

- BT KETCH

### DREADNOUGHT BATTLESHIP

- SN A heavily armoured capital ship with an armament composed entirely of large calibre guns and powered by steam turbines. In effect any battleship constructed after 1908.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT BATTLESHIP

### DREDGER

- SN A craft used to deepen shipping channels, harbours and other water courses.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT HARBOUR SERVICE CRAFT
- NT BUCKET DREDGER  
GRAB DREDGER  
HOPPER DREDGER  
OYSTER DREDGER  
SUCTION DREDGER

### DRIFTER

- UF Admiralty Drifter
- SN A fishing boat using nets which are free to move with the tides and currents.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT FISHING VESSEL

### DROMOND

- SN Originally denoting a Byzantine vessel, powered by oars, from the 6th century onwards, this developed into a large Mediterranean ship with oars and a single mast, used for trade or for war transport, (e.g. during the Crusades) until the 15th century.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT CARGO VESSEL

### DRY BULK CARGO CARRIER

- SN Cargo vessel specially constructed to carry bulk items such as grain. Does not include liquid cargoes.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT CARGO VESSEL

Dryad Class Torpedo Boat

USE **TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER**

Dublin Class 74 Gun Ship

USE **THIRD RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

### DUMMY WARSHIP

- SN A civil vessel disguised as a warship.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT DECOY VESSEL

### E BOAT

- UF S Boot  
Schnellboot
- SN The name given by the Allies during the Second World War to the German motor torpedo boat. E Boats carried two torpedo tubes and anti aircraft guns. They had a maximum speed of 39 knots and were considered superior to their Allied counterparts.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT

E Class Submarine

USE **PATROL SUBMARINE**

East India Company Sloop

USE **EAST INDIAMAN**

#### **EAST INDIAMAN**

UF East India Company Sloop

SN Name given to a vessel of the East India Company. Usually large, well built and magnificently decorated.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

#### **EMIGRANT SHIP**

SN A passenger vessel equipped to carry a large number of emigrants usually with large third class decks and plenty of cargo space.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT PASSENGER VESSEL

#### **ESCORT VESSEL**

SN A warship used to provide an escort to other warships or merchant ships against attack.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT WARSHIP

NT ANTI SUBMARINE VESSEL

CORVETTE (NON SAIL)

CORVETTE (SAIL)

FRIGATE (NON SAIL)

FRIGATE (SAIL)

#### **EXAMINATION SERVICE VESSEL**

UF Examination Vessel

SN A vessel used for inspecting vessels entering port during wartime.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

Examination Vessel

USE **EXAMINATION SERVICE VESSEL**

#### **EXPERIMENTAL CRAFT**

SN A craft built with the intention of demonstrating or advertising a novel design feature.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

#### **FACTORY SHIP**

SN A vessel with equipment for processing dead marine life whilst still at sea.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

NT WHALE PROCESSING SHIP

#### **FERRY**

SN A vessel designed for the transport of persons and goods from one place to another on a regular schedule of sailings. Use specific type where known.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT PASSENGER VESSEL

NT CHAIN FERRY

ROLL ON ROLL OFF FERRY

#### **FIFTH RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

UF 32 Gun Ship

36 Gun Ship

44 Gun Ship

SN A sailing frigate mounting 32 to 44 guns with the main battery on a single deck.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SHIP OF THE LINE

#### **FIRE FIGHTING TUG**

SN A tug equipped with water tanks and pumps for fighting fires at sea or on the shore line.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT TUG

FIRE FIGHTING VESSEL

#### **FIRE FIGHTING VESSEL**

SN A vessel equipped with water tanks and pumps for fighting fires at sea or on the shore line.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SERVICE VESSEL

NT FIRE FIGHTING TUG

#### **FIRESHIP**

SN A small vessel used to attack other vessels and setting themselves and then the enemy alight.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT WARSHIP

First Class Battleship

USE **BATTLESHIP**

#### **FIRST RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

UF 100 Gun Ship

SN A ship of the line mounting 100 guns or more on three gundecks.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SHIP OF THE LINE

#### **FISHERIES PROTECTION VESSEL**

SN A vessel for policing fishing grounds and fishing vessels.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

Fishing Boat

USE **FISHING VESSEL**

#### **FISHING VESSEL**

UF Fishing Boat

SN A vessel or craft used for catching or harvesting marine life by a variety of methods, use specific method where known.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

NT BANKER

DRIFTER

FIVE MAN BOAT

HOVELLER

LANCASHIRE NOBBY

OYSTER DREDGER

SEINER

SKIFF

TERRE NEUVA

TRAWLER

WHALER

#### **FIVE MAN BOAT**

SN Three-masted fishing lugger built in and operating out of Yorkshire on the North Sea fisheries; so named as it was crewed by five joint owners, plus two or three paid hands.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT FISHING VESSEL

LUGGER



**FLAT**

- SN A broad, flat-bottomed boat.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

**FLEET MESSENGER**

- SN A vessel for carrying messages between warships.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

**FLEET SUBMARINE**

- SN Large submarine intended to operate with a surface fleet at sea.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT SUBMARINE

**FLOATING BATTERY**

- SN A small stem powered warship with its hull protected by iron plates. Used to bombard targets onshore, especially in the Crimean War.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT WARSHIP

**FLUIT**

- UF Fluyt
- SN 17th century Dutch vessel built for naval or East India service, with a relatively flat bottom and narrow hull; sometimes rendered into English as 'fly-boat'.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT CARGO VESSEL

**FLUTE**

- SN French warship broadly equivalent to the English 4th to 6th Rates, with as few as 4 to as many as 50 guns.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT WARSHIP

Fluyt

USE **FLUIT****FLY BOAT**

- UF Vlieboot
- SN Flat bottomed, two-masted Dutch coastal vessel of the sixteenth to nineteenth centuries. Sometimes used as an English term for fluit, also a flat-bottomed vessel.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

**FOURTH RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

- UF 64 Gun Ship
- SN A ship of the line mounting between 46 and 64 guns
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT SHIP OF THE LINE

Foy

USE **FOYBOAT****FOYBOAT**

- UF Foy
- SN Small, heavily built coble, usually fitted with lugsail and oars, used on the north-east coast of England to assist, tow, pilot, provision or otherwise attend ships.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT **COBLE****FREIGHTER**

- SN A single decked cargo vessel carrying the majority of its cargo on deck.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT CARGO VESSEL

**FRIGATE (NON SAIL)**

- UF Captain Class Frigate
- SN A medium speed anti submarine escort vessel built from World War II
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT ESCORT VESSEL

**FRIGATE (SAIL)**

- SN A three masted fully rigged warship armed with 24 to 38 guns on a single gundeck.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT ESCORT VESSEL

Fueller

USE **OILER****FULL RIGGED SHIP**

- UF 4 Masted Ship
- 5 Masted Ship
- SN A vessel carrying square sails on all masts and having three or more masts.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT SAILING VESSEL <BY RIG>

G Class Submarine

USE **SUBMARINE****GALEAS**

- SN Any one of the cargo vessels of that name belonging to the different Baltic nations, in use from the mid 18th to the early 20th century. Usually ketch-rigged. Not to be confused with the oared GALEASS.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT CARGO VESSEL

**GALLEASS**

- UF Oared Galleass
- SN Oared sailing vessel developed in the 15th century, the larger English version with secondary oars coming into use in the 16th century. Not to be confused with GALEAS.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

**GALLEON**

- SN Warship or trading vessel, three masted with a low forecastle.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

**GALLEY**

- UF Oared Galley
- SN Oared fighting ship with ancillary sails.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT
- RT LONGSHIP

**GALLIOT**

- SN A small galley or Dutch trading vessel similar to a barge in construction.
- CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

#### GIG

SN A six oared rowing boat which originated in Cornwall in the 18th century. Originally used as a pilot vessel, useage adapted to include cargo vessel and lifeboat. Today gigs are used in sporting events.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CRAFT

#### GRAB DREDGER

SN A dredger with a grab hung on ropes or chains giving it unlimited depth of excavation. they can lift solids or pieces of w reckages and can work close to ships or to a dock w all.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT DREDGER

#### GRAIN ELEVATOR

SN A craft on which is a machine for the loading and unloading of grain to and from a warehouse.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT HARBOUR SERVICE CRAFT

#### GRAIN HULK

SN A demasted ship used exclusively for the storage of grain.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT STORAGE HULK

#### GUN BRIG

SN A small sailing vessel armed with guns.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT GUNBOAT

#### GUNBOAT

SN A small warship built to operate close to the shore or in river estuaries. Used for shore bombardment and patrol duties.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT WARSHIP  
NT BOMB VESSEL  
GUN BRIG  
MOTOR GUNBOAT  
RIVER GUNBOAT  
TORPEDO BOAT  
TORPEDO GUNBOAT

H21 Class Submarine

USE PATROL SUBMARINE

#### HARBOUR SERVICE CRAFT

SN Craft used to maintain, supply or assist larger vessels whilst in harbour.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SERVICE VESSEL  
NT DAN LAYER  
DREDGER  
GRAIN ELEVATOR  
LIGHTER  
MOORING VESSEL  
TUG  
WATER CARRIER

Hobbler

USE HOVELLER

#### HOLLAND SUBMARINE

SN First practical submarine design. The first to use a combination of battery power and internal combustion engines.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SUBMARINE

Hopper

USE HOPPER BARGE

#### HOPPER BARGE

UF Hopper  
SN A vessel used to carry away mud etc from a dredging machine and discharging it elsewhere.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT BARGE

#### HOPPER DREDGER

SN A dredger which can act as its own hopper and can thus transport the mud which it picks up to dump it at the desired place.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT DREDGER

#### HOSPITAL SHIP

SN A ship used for treating patients or moving them between a battle zone and a safe area.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT PASSENGER VESSEL  
NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL  
RT CASUALTY CLEARING SHIP

#### HOUSE BOAT

SN A boat used as private or domestic living accomodation.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT

Hoveler

USE HOVELLER

#### HOVELLER

UF Hobbler  
Hoveler  
Hubbler  
Huffler  
SN A freelance boat used off the south and east coasts of England to provide passing ships with pilots, supplies, new anchors and other gear. Some helped sailing ships and barges get underway. Generally lug-rigged. Also used for fishing. Half decked.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT TRANSPORT VESSEL  
FISHING VESSEL  
SALVAGE VESSEL

#### HOVERCRAFT

SN An air-cushioned vehicle capable of travelling over land or water.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CRAFT

#### HOY

SN Small coastal vessel.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

Hubbler

USE HOVELLER

Huffler

USE **HOVELLER**

#### **HULK**

SN An old ship converted for a variety of uses for which it is not required to move under its own power.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

NT COAL HULK

PRISON HULK

SHEER HULK

STORAGE HULK

#### **HULK (SAIL)**

SN A large Mediterranean cargo or transport vessel of the 15th to 17th century, usually less than 400 tons.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT CARGO VESSEL

SAILING VESSEL <BY FORM/TYPE>

#### **HUMBER KEEL**

SN Flat bottomed vessel used for coasting on the River Humber.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORM/TYPE>

Hunt Class Destroyer

USE **DESTROYER**

#### **HYDROFOIL**

SN High speed craft developed in the 20th Century which employ a wing-like structure mounted on struts below the hull which lift the vessel above the water line during forward motion, reducing drag and increasing speed.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT CRAFT

#### **INTERMEDIATE PIERHEAD PONTOON**

SN A pontoon element of a Mulberry Harbour that sits between the Spud pontoons that allow it to rise and fall with the tide.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT MULBERRY HARBOUR

#### **IRONCLAD**

SN Warships constructed of iron plate or with wooden hulls covered by iron plates. Used as a generic name for the first examples of armoured plated warships.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT WARSHIP

NT TURRET IRONCLAD

J Class Submarine

USE **SUBMARINE**

#### **KEEL**

SN Flat bottomed vessel used for loading colliers in the north east, similar to a lighter.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORM/TYPE>

#### **KETCH**

SN A vessel with two masts, rigged as a ketch, used for coastal trading.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORM/TYPE>

NT DOGGER

#### **KOF**

SN Dutch coaster of the late 17th to late 19th centuries with a square hull and 2 masts, generally having a heavy keel and round stern and bilges, although later examples were built on more refined lines.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT COASTER

L Class Submarine

USE **PATROL SUBMARINE**

#### **LANCASHIRE NOBBY**

SN Fishing smack specialised both for working shoal water and for trawling for shrimp, predominantly in and around Morecambe Bay.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT FISHING VESSEL

#### **LANDING CRAFT**

SN Inshore craft used for carrying troops and military equipment used either for beach landings or as a ferry. Use specific type where known.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT WARSHIP

NT LANDING CRAFT INFANTRY

LANDING CRAFT MECHANISED

LANDING CRAFT TANK

#### **LANDING CRAFT INFANTRY**

SN Small landing craft often armoured, designed to carry infantrymen and their equipment ashore from larger vessels offshore.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT LANDING CRAFT

#### **LANDING CRAFT MECHANISED**

SN Landing craft designed for carrying military vehicles and used for beach landings and as a ferry.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT LANDING CRAFT

#### **LANDING CRAFT TANK**

UF Lct Mk 40

SN Large inshore craft with a retractable loading ramp in the bow. Used to carry tanks ashore for a beach landing or as a tank ferry.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT LANDING CRAFT

#### **LANDING SHIP TANK**

SN Small ocean going vessel fitted with loading doors in the bow. Used for ferrying tanks or other fighting vehicles to beach landings.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT WARSHIP

#### **LAUNCH**

SN A large ship's boat powered by oars and or an engine.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

Lct Mk 40

USE **LANDING CRAFT TANK**

#### **LEISURE CRAFT**

SN Craft intended for recreation and not intended for any commercial use.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 NT CABIN CRAFT  
 DINGHY  
 RACING CRAFT  
 SKIFF  
 YACHT

**LIBERTY SHIP**

SN A cargo vessel constructed in the U.S.A. during World War II from prefabricated sections by welding.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT CARGO VESSEL  
 RT VICTORY SHIP

**LIFEBOAT**

SN A boat specifically designed for saving lives at sea, they can be either: a boat carried on a larger vessel for use in emergency evacuation of crew and passengers in the event of shipwreck or a boat built for the purpose of shore-to-sea rescue missions.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT RESCUE VESSEL

**LIGHT CRUISER**

SN Large warship with no armour and a high speed. Used for reconnaissance and raids on enemy merchant shipping.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT CRUISER

**LIGHTER**

UF Admiralty Lighter  
 SN Unpowered flat bottomed vessel, used for carrying cargo from ship to shore or as a working platform.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT HARBOUR SERVICE CRAFT

**LIGHTHOUSE TENDER**

SN A small vessel used to carry supplies and personnel to lighthouses.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT SERVICE VESSEL

**LIGHTSHIP**

SN Normally an unpowered vessel, moored in places where the construction of a lighthouse is impractical.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT TRINITY HOUSE VESSEL

**LINER**

SN A ship belonging to a shipping company which carries passengers on a scheduled route usually applied to steam ships only.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT PASSENGER VESSEL

**LIVESTOCK SHIP**

SN A ship designed for the carriage of livestock usually cattle or sheep.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT CARGO VESSEL

**LOGBOAT**

SN A boat fashioned out of a section of tree trunk.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT CRAFT

**LONG BOAT**

SN The largest boat belonging to a sailing vessel, and usually the means of escape from a sinking ship; powered by oars.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT

**LONGSHIP**

SN A term for any vessel powered principally by sail and oars, or oars alone, used especially for war. As a broad term it may refer to Roman galleys, or more specifically to an Anglo-Saxon or Norse warship of the Viking Age.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT WARSHIP  
 RT GALLEY

**LUG BOAT**

UF Lugsail Barge  
 SN A barge with a lugsail rig commonly found on the River Thames in the late 19th century. Also a general term applied to the family of Deal luggers.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT THAMES SAILING BARGE  
 SAILING VESSEL <BY RIG>  
 BARGE  
 SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>  
 RT LUGGER

**LUGGER**

SN A vessel with a lug sail rig. A lug is a four sided sail set on a lug or yard. Modified from square-rigged vessels from the late 17th century. Became a popular fishing boat rig in the 19th century.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>  
 NT FIVE MAN BOAT  
 RT LUG BOAT

Lugsail Barge

USE **LUG BOAT**

Man Of War

USE **WARSHIP**

MARITIME CRAFT

SN The class term, use more specific terms.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 NT AIRCRAFT CATAPULT VESSEL  
 AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE  
 BLOCK SHIP  
 BOARDING BOAT  
 CABLE LAYER  
 CRAFT  
 CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VESSEL  
 DREDGER  
 EXPERIMENTAL CRAFT  
 FACTORY SHIP  
 FISHING VESSEL  
 GALLEY  
 HOUSE BOAT  
 HOVELLER  
 HULK  
 LAUNCH

LEISURE CRAFT  
 LONG BOAT  
 LUG BOAT  
 MOTOR LAUNCH  
 MULBERRY HARBOUR  
 NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL  
 PADDLE STEAMER  
 PATROL VESSEL  
 PONTOON  
 PRIVATEER  
 PRIZE VESSEL  
 RADIO SHIP  
 RAFT  
 REFUGE BUOY  
 SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>  
 SAILING VESSEL <BY RIG>  
 SCREW STEAMER  
 SERVICE VESSEL  
 SEWAGE DUMPING VESSEL  
 SKIFF  
 SURVEY VESSEL  
 TRAINING SHIP  
 TRANSPORT VESSEL  
 TRINITY HOUSE VESSEL  
 TUG  
 WARSHIP  
 WORK BOAT

#### MIDGET SUBMARINE

UF X Craft  
 SN Small submarine with a two or three man crew.  
 Used for special missions such as sinking  
 warships in heavily defended harbours.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT SUBMARINE

#### MINE CARRIER

SN A vessel used for carrying mines between  
 warships and supply depots.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

#### MINE COUNTERMEASURE VESSEL

SN A vessel designed or adapted for the task of  
 keeping shipping lanes and ports free from the  
 threat of naval mines. Use specific type where  
 known.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT WARSHIP  
 NT MINEHUNTER  
 MINESWEEPER

Mine Hunter

USE **MINEHUNTER**

#### MINE LAYING SUBMARINE

SN A submarine built or adapted to carry mines and  
 lay minefields.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT SUBMARINE  
 NT U BOAT (TYPE UC1)  
 U BOAT (TYPE UCII)  
 U BOAT (TYPE UCIII)  
 U BOAT (TYPE UE2)

Mine Sweeper

USE **MINESWEEPER**

#### MINEHUNTER

UF Mine Hunter  
 SN A mine countermeasure vessel built to detect and  
 destroy individual naval mines. (See  
 Minesweeper for vessels that sweep and  
 explode mined areas at sea without prior  
 detection).  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT MINE COUNTERMEASURE VESSEL

#### MINELAYER

SN A ship designed or modified to carry large  
 numbers of mines and be able to lay them as a  
 minefield.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT WARSHIP

#### MINESWEEPER

UF Ascot Class Minesweeper  
 Auxiliary Minesweeper  
 Minesweeper  
 SN A vessel designed or adapted to sweep and  
 explode mined areas at sea without prior  
 detection. (See Minehunter for vessels that  
 detect and destroy individual mines).  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT MINE COUNTERMEASURE VESSEL

#### MOORING BUOY LIFTER BARGE

SN A barge with a crane or sheer legs used for  
 moving and maintaining mooring buoys.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT BARGE

#### MOORING VESSEL

UF Auxiliary Mooring Vessel  
 SN A vessel used to put down and pick up moorings  
 on the sea bed for large vessels.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT HARBOUR SERVICE CRAFT

#### MOTOR GUNBOAT

SN A small fast warship powered by diesel or petrol  
 engines. Built during World War II for coastal  
 patrol work and anti shipping missions close in  
 shore  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT GUNBOAT

#### MOTOR LAUNCH

UF B Class Motor Launch  
 SN Generic name for a small steam or power boat  
 often carried on board a larger vessel.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT

#### MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT

SN A small warship powered by petrol or diesel  
 engines and armed with torpedo tubes and small  
 guns. Used for coastal anti shipping patrols and  
 warfare in coastal waters.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT WARSHIP  
 NT E BOAT

#### MUD BARGE

SN A flat bottomed vessel for receiving mud and  
 other material from a dredger.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT BARGE

#### MULBERRY HARBOUR

SN An artificial harbour, constructed using prefabricated, concrete caissons, floating breakwaters and blockships, which were towed across the channel and assembled off the coast of Normandy to assist the allied forces after the D-Day landings in June 1944.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

NT BOMBARDON

INTERMEDIATE PIERHEAD PONTOON

PHOENIX CAISSON

WHALE UNIT

#### NARROW BOAT

UF Narrow boat

SN A craft designed for use on canals and inland waterways. Usually 70ft long x 7ft wide though can be longer and broader.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT CARGO VESSEL

Narrow boat

USE **NARROW BOAT**

#### NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

SN A vessel used to carry essential supplies, such as food and armaments, to naval ships in order to keep them replenished whilst on patrol. Use more specific term.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

NT ADMIRALTY VESSEL

ADVICE BOAT

BARRAGE BALLOON VESSEL

BOOM DEFENCE VESSEL

DECOY VESSEL

DEGAUSSING VESSEL

DEPOT SHIP

DISTILLING SHIP

EXAMINATION SERVICE VESSEL

FISHERIES PROTECTION VESSEL

FLEET MESSENGER

HOSPITAL SHIP

MINE CARRIER

OILER

ORDNANCE SHIP

STORESHIP

SUBMARINE TENDER

TARGET CRAFT

TENDER

TORPEDO RECOVERY VESSEL

TROOP SHIP

VICTUALLER

#### NET LAYER

UF Admiralty Netlayer

SN Small vessel built or adapted to lay and recover anti submarine nets in harbours and anchorages.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT WARSHIP

Oared Galleass

USE **GALLEASS**

Oared Galley

USE **GALLEY**

Offshore Supply Vessel

USE **PLATFORM SUPPLY VESSEL**

#### OILER

UF Admiralty Oiler

Fueler

SN Generic term for all vessels used to supply warships with any type of fuel.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

#### ORDNANCE SHIP

SN A vessel used for carrying weapons and ammunition to warships.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

NT ORDNANCE SLOOP

#### ORDNANCE SLOOP

SN A sloop used for carrying weapons and ammunition to warships.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT ORDNANCE SHIP

Orion Class Battleship

USE **BATTLESHIP**

#### OYSTER DREDGER

SN A fishing vessel which tows a dredger to gather oysters. This is an iron wedge shaped contrivance with a small net attached. Towed behind the vessel the iron wedge loosens the oysters and they fall into the net.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT FISHING VESSEL

DREDGER

#### PACKET

SN A fast, armed vessel, small in size, often used for despatches and mail.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

#### PADDLE STEAMER

SN A steam vessel propelled by a pair of paddle wheels amidships or a single wheel astern, driven by a reciprocating engine.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

RT SCREW STEAMER

#### PASSENGER VESSEL

SN A vessel designed principally for the carriage of fare paying passengers.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT CARGO VESSEL

NT CRUISE BOAT

CRUISE SHIP

EMIGRANT SHIP

FERRY

HOSPITAL SHIP

LINER

TROOP SHIP

WATER TAXI

#### PATROL BOAT

SN A small warship engaged in patrolling coastal waters.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT PATROL VESSEL

Patrol Ship

USE **PATROL VESSEL**

#### **PATROL SUBMARINE**

UF E Class Submarine  
H21 Class Submarine  
L Class Submarine  
Sw ordfish Class Submarine  
U Class Submarine  
SN Diesel engined submarine designed for long ocean voyages in search of enemy shipping.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SUBMARINE  
PATROL VESSEL

#### **PATROL VESSEL**

UF Patrol Ship  
SN A vessel, purpose-built or requisitioned, used for patrolling inland or coastal waters, e.g. Coastguard and Customs vessels.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
NT PATROL BOAT  
PATROL SUBMARINE

#### **PHOENIX CAISSON**

UF Phoenix Unit  
SN A floatable concrete vessel, numbers of which made up the main breakwater of the Mulberry Harbours used to secure beachheads during the allied invasion of Europe in June 1944.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT MULBERRY HARBOUR

Phoenix Unit

USE **PHOENIX CAISSON**

Pile Driver

USE **PILE DRIVING BARGE**

#### **PILE DRIVING BARGE**

UF Pile Driver  
SN Flat bottomed vessel used as a platform for a pile driver.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT BARGE

#### **PILOT VESSEL**

SN A vessel used to carry a pilot to a ship.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SERVICE VESSEL

#### **PINK**

SN Small square rigged ship with a narrow overhanging stern.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SQUARE RIGGED VESSEL

#### **PINNACE**

SN A small two masted craft, with oars as well as sails.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SQUARE RIGGED VESSEL

#### **PLATFORM SUPPLY VESSEL**

UF Offshore Supply Vessel  
SN Specially designed/fitted carriers of crew and/or supplies to offshore oil platforms.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT TRANSPORT VESSEL

Polacca

USE **POLACRE**

#### **POLACRE**

UF Polacca  
SN A ship or brig peculiar to the Mediterranean.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

#### **PONTOON**

SN A flat bottomed boat or hollow float of which a number are used to support a temporary bridge over a river.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT

#### **POWDER HULK**

SN A vessel used for storing and issuing gunpowder, usually moored well away from the dockyard.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT STORAGE HULK

Preventative Service Vessel

USE **PREVENTIVE SERVICE VESSEL**

#### **PREVENTIVE SERVICE VESSEL**

UF Preventative Service Vessel  
SN Prior to 1822 a vessel used by the customs department involved with the prevention of smuggling.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VESSEL  
NT REVENUE CUTTER  
RT COASTGUARD VESSEL  
CUSTOMS BOAT

#### **PRISON HULK**

SN Demasted old ship used as a floating prison.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT HULK

#### **PRIVATEER**

SN A private fighting ship under a letter of marque or financed by subscribers, shareholders or individuals.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
NT CAPER  
CORSAIR

#### **PRIZE VESSEL**

SN Cargo vessel or warship captured by a warship or privateer of a hostile nation in time of war, usually taken into that nation's mercantile, privateering or naval service.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT

#### **PUFFER**

SN A small cargo vessel used on the West coast of Scotland.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CARGO VESSEL

#### **Q SHIP**

SN A small merchant ship or warship with concealed weapons, intended as a trap for enemy submarines.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT DECOY VESSEL  
R Class Destroyer

USE DESTROYER

#### RACING CRAFT

SN Any vessel designed for speed or endurance racing.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT LEISURE CRAFT

#### RADIO SHIP

SN Vessel fitted with broadcasting equipment and used for off-shore radio programme transmission.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT

#### RAFT

SN A flat floating framework of planks or other materials used for supporting or carrying persons or goods.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT

#### REFORMATORY SHIP

SN A training ship to which boys who had committed petty crimes were sentenced for 4 to 5 years to be reformed and trained as sailors.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT TRAINING SHIP

#### REFUGE BARGE

SN Moored barge providing a refuge for shipwrecked sailors or downed airmen, for example the air-sea rescue Cuckoo barges of WWII.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT BARGE

#### REFUGE BUOY

SN A buoy with a compartment into which shipwrecked mariners could climb to await rescue.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT

#### REPAIR VESSEL

SN Auxiliary or support vessel used for the repair of naval craft.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SERVICE VESSEL

#### RESCUE TUG

SN A rescue tug equipped to care for survivors from torpedoed vessels and also available for towing to port ships damaged by enemy action.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT TUG  
RESCUE VESSEL

#### RESCUE VESSEL

UF Standby Safety Vessel  
SN A specially equipped ship designed to care for survivors of stricken vessels and offshore drilling platforms. These ships were often converted naval trawlers or minesweepers.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SERVICE VESSEL  
NT LIFEBOAT  
RESCUE TUG

#### REVENUE CUTTER

SN A single masted cutter built specifically for the prevention of smuggling and the enforcement of customs regulations.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT PREVENTIVE SERVICE VESSEL  
COASTGUARD VESSEL

#### RIVER GUNBOAT

SN A small warship with a shallow draught. Used for patrol duties and shore bombardment on major rivers.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT GUNBOAT

Roads Barge

USE BARGE

#### ROLL ON ROLL OFF FERRY

UF Roro Ferry  
SN A type of ferry that is designed to carry wheeled vehicles that can be driven on to and off the vessel.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT FERRY

Roro Ferry

USE ROLL ON ROLL OFF FERRY

S Boot

USE E BOAT

#### SAILING VESSEL <BY FORM/TYPE>

SN A sailing vessel defined by a combination of such factors as hull design, locality and rig.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
NT BAWLEY  
BILLYBOY  
BOEIER  
CARAVEL  
CARRACK  
CARVEL  
CHASSE MAREE  
CLIPPER  
COG  
CRAYER  
CUTTER  
DANDY  
EAST INDIAMAN  
FLAT  
FLY BOAT  
GALLEASS  
GALLEON  
GALLIOT  
HOY  
HULK (SAIL)  
HUMBER KEEL  
KEEL  
KETCH  
LUG BOAT  
LUGGER  
PACKET  
POLACRE  
SHALLOP  
SLOOP  
SMACK  
TROW  
WEST INDIAMAN  
WHERRY



XEBEC  
 YACHT  
 YAWL  
**SAILING VESSEL <BY RIG>**  
 SN The characteristics of a sailing vessel where her type is determined by her masts and sails.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 NT BARQUENTINE  
 BRIGANTINE  
 FULL RIGGED SHIP  
 LUG BOAT  
 SCHOONER  
 SQUARE RIGGED VESSEL

**SALVAGE TUG**

SN A small and powerful vessel used to assist vessels that are sinking or disabled at sea.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT TUG  
 SALVAGE VESSEL

**SALVAGE VESSEL**

SN A vessel used for the underwater recovery of a ship and/or her contents or to assist vessels that are sinking.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT SERVICE VESSEL  
 NT HOVELLER  
 SALVAGE TUG

Schnellboot

USE **E BOAT**

**SCHOONER**

UF 5 Masted Schooner  
 SN Two masted ship with fore and aft sails and two or more masts.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT SAILING VESSEL <BY RIG>

**SCHUIT**

SN Dutch galliot-rigged vessel used mostly for river trade in Holland but sometimes also for coasting or short sea-going voyages  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT CRAFT

Scott Class Destroyer

USE **DESTROYER**

**SCREW STEAMER**

SN A steam vessel propelled by rotating propellers called screws.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 RT PADDLE STEAMER

Second Class Cruiser

USE **CRUISER**

**SECOND RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

UF 90 Gun Ship  
 SN A ship of the line mounting between 90 and 98 guns on three gun decks  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT SHIP OF THE LINE

**SEINER**

SN A fishing vessel that catches fish by using a Seining net, that is a large net that is made to

hang in the water by attaching weights along the bottom edge and counteracting floats along the top.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT FISHING VESSEL

**SERVICE VESSEL**

SN A vessel used to maintain supply or assist larger vessels. Use more specific term.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 NT DIVING SUPPORT VESSEL  
 FIRE FIGHTING VESSEL  
 HARBOUR SERVICE CRAFT  
 LIGHTHOUSE TENDER  
 PILOT VESSEL  
 REPAIR VESSEL  
 RESCUE VESSEL  
 SALVAGE VESSEL

**SEWAGE DUMPING VESSEL**

SN A vessel equipped with sealed tanks for transporting sewage and dumping it in deep water.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT

**SEWN BOAT**

SN A type of clinker built wooden boat or ship held together with tendons of flexible wood such as roots and willow branches. Sewn boat construction techniques were used in many parts of the world prior to the development of metal fasteners.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT CRAFT

**SHALLOP**

SN A small light vessel with a schooner rig often used for fishing.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

**SHEER HULK**

SN Old ship with a hull stripped to the water line and used as a platform for mounting the sheers used to lift masts into and out of sailing ships.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT HULK

Ship

USE **CRAFT**

**SHIP OF THE LINE**

SN A sailing ship with a sufficient numerically large gun armament to stand in the line of battle.  
 CL MARITIME CRAFT  
 BT WARSHIP  
 NT FIFTH RATE SHIP OF THE LINE  
 FIRST RATE SHIP OF THE LINE  
 FOURTH RATE SHIP OF THE LINE  
 SECOND RATE SHIP OF THE LINE  
 SIXTH RATE SHIP OF THE LINE  
 THIRD RATE SHIP OF THE LINE

**SHIPS BOAT**

SN Satellite craft belonging to a larger vessel, usually a rowing vessel; used to pick up or set down passengers or crew when lying offshore, or stowed on board as the "long boat" or "jolly boat" for lifesaving purposes.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CRAFT  
NT DINGHY

#### SIXTH RATE SHIP OF THE LINE

UF 24 Gun Ship  
30 Gun Ship  
SN A small warship mounting between 20 and 28  
nine-pounder guns on a single deck.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SHIP OF THE LINE

#### SKIFF

SN Small, light, fast, all-purpose craft designed  
primarily for inland use. Generally flat-bottomed,  
often with rocker; sharp bow, sharp or transom  
stern, lapstrake or carvel planking. Propelled by  
oars, sails or motor. Used for fishing and leisure.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT FISHING VESSEL  
LEISURE CRAFT

#### SLAVE SHIP

SN A large cargo vessel, either purpose-fitted or  
converted, for the transportation of slaves.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CARGO VESSEL

#### SLOOP

SN A vessel with a single mast, fore and aft rigged.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

#### SLOOP OF WAR

UF Cherokee Class Sloop  
SN Any small rigged warship below the sailing  
classification of frigate.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT WARSHIP

#### SMACK

SN Small fishing craft used mainly for fishing, cutter  
or ketch rigged.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

#### SNOW

SN Two masted merchant vessel, rigged as a brig.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SQUARE RIGGED VESSEL

#### SPRITSAIL BARGE

SN A barge with a spritsail rig commonly found on  
the River Thames.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT BARGE  
NT THAMES SAILING BARGE

#### SQUARE RIGGED VESSEL

SN A vessel with a type of rigging where the main  
driving sails are fixed to yards which lie square  
to the mast.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY RIG>  
NT BARQUE  
BRIG  
PINK  
PINNACE  
SNOW

Standby Safety Vessel

USE **RESCUE VESSEL**

#### STORAGE HULK

SN A demasted old ship used for storing items.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT HULK  
NT GRAIN HULK  
POWDER HULK

#### STORESHIP

SN A ship in government use, used to carry naval or  
military stores.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

Stumpsail Barge

USE **BARGE**

#### SUBMARINE

UF A Class Submarine  
B Class Submarine  
C Class Submarine  
G Class Submarine  
J Class Submarine  
SN A vessel designed to operate below the surface  
of the sea.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT WARSHIP  
NT ATTACK SUBMARINE  
FLEET SUBMARINE  
HOLLAND SUBMARINE  
MIDGET SUBMARINE  
MINE LAYING SUBMARINE  
PATROL SUBMARINE  
SUBMARINE SEA PLANE CARRIER  
U BOAT

#### SUBMARINE SEAPLANE CARRIER

SN British 'M' class submarine modified to carry and  
launch a small sea plane.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SUBMARINE  
RT AIRCRAFT CATA PULT VESSEL

#### SUBMARINE TENDER

SN Support or 'mother ship' used for the repair,  
maintenance and refuelling of submarines,  
specifically 20th century submarines.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL  
ARMED CARGO VESSEL  
RT TENDER

#### SUCTION DREDGER

SN A dredger that works by the use of suction.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT DREDGER

#### SURVEY VESSEL

SN A craft which is equipped for and performs  
hydrographic surveys.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT

Swimhead Barge

USE **BARGE**

Sw ordfish Class Submarine

USE **PATROL SUBMARINE**

#### **TANK BARGE**

SN A barge fitted with a large tank in its hull for carried liquid cargoes.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT BARGE

#### **TANKER**

SN A ship designed specifically for the carriage of liquid cargoes, particularly oil.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CARGO VESSEL

#### **TARGET CRAFT**

SN An obsolete vessel used as a weapons target.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

#### **TENDER**

SN A small vessel attached to a larger vessel (usually a warship) for general harbour duties such as taking crew men ashore or fetching supplies.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL  
NT BOMB SCOW  
DINGHY  
RT SUBMARINE TENDER

#### **TERRE NEUVA**

SN French Banker, fishing vessel for the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, generally three-masted or of brig type, from the late 19th and 20th centuries.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT FISHING VESSEL

Thames Barge

USE **THAMES SAILING BARGE**

#### **THAMES SAILING BARGE**

UF Thames Barge  
SN Flat-bottomed barge with shallow draft adapted for carrying bulk cargoes among the shoals of the Thames Estuary; usually spritsail-rigged, though other rigs were permissible.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SPRITSAIL BARGE  
NT LUG BOAT

#### **THIRD RATE SHIP OF THE LINE**

UF 70 Gun Ship  
72 Gun Ship  
74 Gun Ship  
Dublin Class 74 Gun Ship  
SN A ship of the line mounting between 64 and 80 guns typically built with two gun decks.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SHIP OF THE LINE

Topsail Barge

USE **BARGE**

#### **TORPEDO BOAT**

SN Steam-powered torpedo boat developed in the early 20th century, and used in the First World War, a development of the torpedo boat

destroyer, and distinct from the motor torpedo boat of WWII.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT GUNBOAT

#### **TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER**

UF Dryad Class Torpedo Boat  
SN A small fast warship developed in the late nineteenth century. Armed principally with quick firing guns to destroy enemy torpedo boats.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT DESTROYER

#### **TORPEDO GUNBOAT**

SN Late nineteenth and early twentieth century warship armed with guns and torpedoes.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT GUNBOAT

#### **TORPEDO RECOVERY VESSEL**

SN A craft used to retrieve torpedoes after practice firings.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

#### **TRAINING SHIP**

SN Vessels of various types used specifically for providing an initial training in seamanship.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
NT REFORMATORY SHIP

#### **TRANSPORT VESSEL**

SN A vessel used for transporting passengers or goods.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
NT BOARDING BOAT  
CARGO VESSEL  
CARTEL  
CASUALTY CLEARING SHIP  
CONVICT TRANSPORT  
HOVELLER  
PLATFORM SUPPLY VESSEL

#### **TRAWLER**

UF Admiralty Trawler  
Auxiliary Trawler  
SN A fishing vessel specially designed to operate and trawl for the catching of bottom lying fish. Use with power where known.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT FISHING VESSEL

#### **TRINITY HOUSE VESSEL**

SN Any vessel operated by Trinity house masters and brethren in the maintenance of lighthouses, lightships, buoys and other navigation aids.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
NT LIGHTSHIP

#### **TROOP SHIP**

SN A vessel used for the transport of troops, either during wartime or for garrison duties in peacetime.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT PASSENGER VESSEL  
NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

#### **TROW**

SN A small cargo boat found on the River Severn in

England, with a mast which could be taken down to allow the boat to pass under low bridges.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORMTYPE>

#### TUG

UF Admiralty Tug  
SN A relatively small and heavily built vessel equipped with large engines. Used for towing ships at sea or manoeuvring them in tight spaces.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT HARBOUR SERVICE CRAFT  
NT FIRE FIGHTING TUG  
RESCUE TUG  
SALVAGE TUG

#### TURRET IRONCLAD

SN A warship constructed of iron plate with its main armament mounted in a revolving turret on deck.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT IRONCLAD

Type Ubi Submarine

USE **U BOAT (TYPE UBI)**

Type Ubi Submarine

USE **U BOAT (TYPE UBII)**

Type Ubi Submarine

USE **U BOAT (TYPE UBIII)**

Type Uci Submarine

USE **U BOAT (TYPE UCI)**

Type Ucii Submarine

USE **U BOAT (TYPE UCII)**

Type Uciii Submarine

USE **U BOAT (TYPE UCIII)**

#### U BOAT

UF U Boot  
Unterseeboot  
SN The British designation for any German submarine built for military purposes. U-Boat is an anglicization of the German U-Boot, an abbreviation for Unterseeboot (Undersea Boat). In German U-Boot refers to any submarine.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SUBMARINE  
NT U BOAT (TYPE U31)  
U BOAT (TYPE U43)  
U BOAT (TYPE U5)  
U BOAT (TYPE U81)  
U BOAT (TYPE U87)  
U BOAT (TYPE U93)  
U BOAT (TYPE UBI)  
U BOAT (TYPE UBII)  
U BOAT (TYPE UBIII)  
U BOAT (TYPE UCI)  
U BOAT (TYPE UCII)  
U BOAT (TYPE UCIII)  
U BOAT (TYPE UE2)

#### U BOAT (TYPE U31)

SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT ATTACK SUBMARINE

#### U BOAT

#### U BOAT (TYPE U43)

SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT ATTACK SUBMARINE  
U BOAT

#### U BOAT (TYPE U5)

SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT ATTACK SUBMARINE  
U BOAT

#### U BOAT (TYPE U81)

SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT ATTACK SUBMARINE  
U BOAT

#### U BOAT (TYPE U87)

SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT ATTACK SUBMARINE  
U BOAT

#### U BOAT (TYPE U93)

SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT ATTACK SUBMARINE  
U BOAT

#### U BOAT (TYPE UBI)

UF Type Ubi Submarine  
SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT ATTACK SUBMARINE  
U BOAT

#### U BOAT (TYPE UBII)

UF Type Ubi Submarine  
SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT ATTACK SUBMARINE  
U BOAT

#### U BOAT (TYPE UBIII)

UF Type Ubi Submarine  
SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War. The U Boat had 5 torpedo tubes (4 bow /1 stern) and carried 10 torpedoes as well as an 88mm (or in some cases 105mm) deck gun.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT ATTACK SUBMARINE  
U BOAT

#### U BOAT (TYPE UCI)

UF Type Uci Submarine  
SN A German coastal minelaying submarine in use during the First World War. The U Boat carried 12 mines but was otherwise unarmed with no deck

gun or torpedo tubes.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT MINE LAYING SUBMARINE  
U BOAT

#### U BOAT (TYPE UCII)

UF Type Ucii Submarine  
SN A German coastal minelaying submarine in use during the First World War. In addition to 18 mines, the U BOAT also carried 7 torpedoes in 3 tubes (2 bow /1 stern) and an 88mm or 105mm deck gun. A very successful design, UCIs sank more than 1800 vessels.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT MINE LAYING SUBMARINE  
U BOAT

#### U BOAT (TYPE UCIII)

UF Type Uciii Submarine  
SN A German coastal minelaying submarine in use during the First World War.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT MINE LAYING SUBMARINE  
U BOAT

#### U BOAT (TYPE UE2)

SN A German coastal minelaying submarine in use during the First World War.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT MINE LAYING SUBMARINE  
U BOAT

U Boot

USE **U BOAT**

U Class Submarine

USE **PATROL SUBMARINE**

Unterseeboot

USE **U BOAT**

#### VICTORY SHIP

SN A prefabricated cargo vessel produced in large numbers by North American shipyards during World War II to replace shipping losses caused by German submarines and replacing the earlier 'LIBERTY' ships.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT CARGO VESSEL  
RT LIBERTY SHIP

#### VICTUALLER

SN A vessel used to carry supplies to warships.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL

Vlieboot

USE **FLY BOAT**

#### WARSHIP

UF Man Of War  
SN A ship that is built and primarily intended for war.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
NT AIRCRAFT CARRIER  
ANTI AIRCRAFT VESSEL  
ARMED BOARDING STEAMER  
BATTLECRUISER  
BATTLESHIP  
CRUISER

DESTROYER  
ESCORT VESSEL  
FIRESHIP  
FLOATING BATTERY  
FLUTE  
GUNBOAT  
IRONCLAD  
LANDING CRAFT  
LANDING SHIP TANK  
LONGSHIP  
MINE COUNTERMEASURE VESSEL  
MINELAYER  
MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT  
NET LAYER  
SHIP OF THE LINE  
SLOOP OF WAR  
SUBMARINE

#### WATER CARRIER

SN A small vessel used to carry fresh water to ships at anchor or in harbour.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT HARBOUR SERVICE CRAFT

#### WATER TAXI

SN A craft available for public hire for short journeys.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT PASSENGER VESSEL

#### WEST INDIAMAN

SN Any vessel in use by the West India Company.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORM/TYPE>

#### WHALE CATCHER

SN A craft employed to harpoon whales and bring them in to be processed.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT WHALER

#### WHALE PROCESSING SHIP

SN A ship used to process whales into saleable products.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT FACTORY SHIP

#### WHALE UNIT

SN A floating pier, comprised of a floating pierhead (SPUD) and a roadway resting on pontoons (BEETLES). The pierhead and roadway were capable of rising and falling with the tide enabling unloading of troops and equipment to occur at any state of the tide.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT MULBERRY HARBOUR  
NT BEETLE UNIT

#### WHALER

UF Admiralty Whaler  
SN Any vessel involved in the catching or transportation of whales.  
CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT FISHING VESSEL  
NT WHALE CATCHER

#### WHERRY

SN A decked sailing vessel of shallow draft.

CL MARITIME CRAFT  
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORM/TYPE>

#### **WORK BOAT**

SN Generic name for a vessel used for work rather than for recreation, transportation, or military purposes. The vessels include tugs, barges, landing craft, dredgers and standby safety vessels. Use only where the exact type of vessel is unknown.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

#### **X Craft**

USE **MIDGET SUBMARINE**

#### **XEBEC**

SN A small three-masted lateen-rigged vessel used exclusively in the Mediterranean from the 16th to the 19th century. Its hull was similar in form to that of a polacre but with an extended bow and stern.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORM/TYPE>

#### **YACHT**

SN Any vessel propelled by sail or power and used for pleasure and not plying for hire.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT LEISURE CRAFT

SAILING VESSEL <BY FORM/TYPE>

#### **YAWL**

SN A craft with two masts. It is usually cutter rigged on the foremast and has a small mizzen mast.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORM/TYPE>