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 Trawler
USE ADMIRALTY VESSEL Trawler
SN Use both terms.
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 CATA PULT VESSEL
AIRCRAFT CATAPULT VESSEL
SN A vessel fitted with a catapult for launching an aircraft.
CL MARITIME CRAFT
NT CATA PULT ARMED MERCH ANT MAN
RT AIRCRAFT CARRIER
SB MARITIME 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 UBI)
U BOAT (TYPE UBII)
U BOAT (TYPE UBIII)

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
Sw inhead Barge
Topsaill 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 foremost 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 stem turbine propulsion as a DREADNOUGHT BATTLESHIP.
CL MARITIME CRAFT
BT WARSHIP

BATTLESHIP
UF First Class Battleship
Orion Class Battleships
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 FORM/TYPE>

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 FORM/TYPE>

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.

**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, hawser 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 CRUISER

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

**CL** MARITIME CRAFT

**Cam Ship**
**USE** CATAPULT ARMED MERCHANDTMAN

**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.

**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 FORM/TYP>.

**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 FORM/TYP>.

**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 pull 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 FORM/TYP>.

**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
- **CL**: 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 FORM/TYP>.

**COLLIERS**
- **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 FORM/TYPE>

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 FORM/TYPE>

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 FORM/TYPE>
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 VESSELS
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

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 war transport, (e.g. during the Crusades) until the 15th century.
CL MARITIME CRAFT
BT NAVAL SUPPORT 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 FORM/TYPE>

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 with 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 were 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 FISHING VESSEL

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
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 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 were known.
CL MARITIME CRAFT
NT BANKER
   DRIFTER
   FIVE MAN BOAT
   HOVELLER
   LANCASTER NOBBY
   OYSTER DREDGER
   SEINER
   SKIFF
   TERRE NEVIA
   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 FORM/TYPE>

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 WARSHIP

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

FRIEGHTER
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

Fueler
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

GALEASS
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 FORM/TYPE>

GALLEON
SN Warship or trading vessel, three masted with a low forecastle.
CL MARITIME CRAFT
BT SAILING VESSEL <BY FORM/TYPE>

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

UF 4 Masted Ship
5 Masted Ship
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 SN A small galley or Dutch trading vessel similar to a barge in construction.
**GIG**

SN A six oared rowing boat which originated in Cornwall in the 18th century. Originally used as a pilot vessel, usage 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 wreckages and can work close to ships or to a dock wall.

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

**HOLLAND SUBMARINE**

USE HOVELLER

**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 accommodation.

CL MARITIME CRAFT

**HOVELLER**

USE HOVELLER

**HOVELLER**

UF Hobbler

HOVELLER

Hobbler

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 FORM/TYP>
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>

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 armour 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>

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

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
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 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

LONSHIP
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
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 FORM/TYPE>
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 CATALPULT 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
REFUGEE BUOY
SAILING VESSEL <BY FORM/TYPE>
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 of.
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 UCI) 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 WARSHIP

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
SN Auxiliary Minesweeper Mine Sweeper
CL MARITIME CRAFT
BT WARSHIP

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 seabed 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 petrol boat often carried on board a larger vessel.
CL MARITIME CRAFT

MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT
SN A small fast 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
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.

**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

**BT** CARGO VESSEL

**OYSTER DREDGER**

**SN** A fishing vessel which tow 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 FORM/TYPE>

**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

**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

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

PINCACE

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 FORM/TYPb>

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

BT CORPER

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
R Class 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
BOIEIER
CARAVEL
CARRACK
CVEL
CHASSE MAREE
CLIPPER
COG
CRAVER
CUTTER
DANDY
EAST INDIAMAN
FLAT
FLY BOAT
GALLEASS
GALLEON
GALLOT
HOY
HULK (SAIL)
HUMBER KEEL
KEEL
KETCH
LUG BOAT
LUGGER
PACKET
POLACRE
SHALLOP
SLOOP
SMACK
TROW
WEST INDIAMAN
WHERRY
The characteristics of a sailing vessel where her type is determined by her masts and sails.

A small and powerful vessel used to assist vessels that are sinking or disabled at sea.

A vessel used for the underwater recovery of a ship and/or her contents or to assist vessels that are sinking.

Two masted ship with fore and aft sails and two or more masts.

Dutch galliot-rigged vessel used mostly for river trade in Holland but sometimes also for coasting or short sea-going voyages.

A steam vessel propelled by rotating propellers called screws.

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.

A vessel used to maintain supply or assist larger vessels. Use more specific term.

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.

A small light vessel with a schooner rig often used for fishing.

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.

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.
**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

**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 FORM/TYPE>

**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 FORM/TYPE>

**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

**BRI G**
**PIN K**
**PIN NACE**
**SNOW**
Swordfish 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 crewmen ashore or fetching supplies.
CL MARITIME CRAFT
BT NAVAL SUPPORT VESSEL
NT BOMB SCOW
 RT DINGHY

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 WWI.
CL MARITIME CRAFT
BT DESTROYER

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
 BT CARGO VESSEL
 CT CARTEL
 CT CASUALTY CLEARING SHIP
 CT CONVICT TRANSPORT
 CT HOVELLER
 CT 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
 BT 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.

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.

TURRET IRONCLAD

SN A warship constructed of iron plate with its main armament mounted in a revolving turret on deck.

U BOAT

U BOAT (TYPE U31)
SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.

U BOAT (TYPE U43)
SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.

U BOAT (TYPE U5)
SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.

U BOAT (TYPE U81)
SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.

U BOAT (TYPE U87)
SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.

U BOAT (TYPE U93)
SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.

U BOAT (TYPE UE2)

U BOAT (TYPE UBI)
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.

U BOAT (TYPE UBII)
SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.

U BOAT (TYPE UBIII)
SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War.

U BOAT (TYPE UCI)
SN A German coastal attack submarine in use during the First World War. The U Boat carried 12 mines but was otherwise unarmed with no deck.
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.

A German coastal minelaying submarine in use during the First World War.

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.

A vessel used to carry supplies to warships.

A small vessel used to carry fresh water to ships at anchor or in harbour.

A craft employed to harpoon whales and bring them in to be processed.

A ship used to process whales into saleable products.

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.

A decked sailing vessel of shallow draft.
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 were 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>