

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
- REFUGEE 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 fore-castle.
- 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 UC2)
 U BOAT (TYPE UC3)
 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>