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Full-rigged-ship	A fully square rigged sailing ship with three or more masts.	
Bark or Barque	A sailing vessel with three or more masts: fore and aft rigged on the aftermast, square rigged on all others.	
Barkentine	A 3-masted sailing vessel with square-rigged sails on foremast only.	
Brig	A 2-masted sailing vessel with both masts square rigged. On the stern-most mast, the main mast, there is also a gaff sail.	
Brigantine	A 2-masted sailing vessel in which the foremast is square rigged. The mainmast carries a fore-and-aft mainsail, above which are a square main-topsail and topgallant sail.	
Hermaphrodite Brig or Brig- schooner	A 2-masted sailing vessel which has square sails on the foremast combined with a schooner rig on the mainmast (triangular topsail over a gaff mainsail). As such it has a mix of the two main types of sail plan. (Note: Some consider this just another type of Brigantine.)	

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Schooner	A fore-and-aft rigged sailing vessel having at least two masts, with a foremast that is usually smaller than the other masts.	
Cutter	A small single-masted sailing vessel, fore-and- aft rigged, with two or more headsails, a bowsprit, and a mast set further back than in a sloop	
Sloop	A single-masted, fore-and-aft-rigged sailing vessel with a short standing bowsprit or none at all and a single headsail set from the forestay. The mast of a sloop is farther forward than the mast of a cutter. Sloops and Cutters may be Bermuda (a.k.a. Marconi) rigged or gaff rigged.	
Ketch	A 2-masted, fore-and-aft-rigged sailing vessel with a mizzenmast stepped aft of a taller mainmast but forward of the rudderpost.	
Yawl	A 2-masted, fore-and-aft-rigged sailing vessel similar to the ketch but having a smaller mizzenmast (or jigger) stepped abaft the rudderpost. Also called a "dandy".	
Catboat	A sailboat with a single mast carried well forward and single sail. The traditional catboat has a wide beam, a centerboard, and a gaff-rigged sail.	