

SAILING SHIPS

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Sailing ships have been around for a longtime. Every waterfront habitat had boats and they all used sails in the beginning. What kind of boats were there? All kinds. The boats were the best design for the type of waters and winds they had. From Polynesian out-riggers to European ships of the Line. I can find some fifty different names for sailing vessels and that doesn't even cover any of the small dinghies used in yacht club racing over the last 50 years

There are some easy ways to start naming sailing ships. First is the major difference, Fore and aft rigs. The most common are Cat, Slopecutter" Ketch, Yawl., Schooner. Square rigs are not around any more. Of course there are all the racing dinghies such as Sun Fish, Laser, Moths, Comets, Lightnings, G.P.14's, Dusters and all the catamarans. It's impossible to list all the modern sail boats enjoyed on the water today.

If you want to learn the names of the sail boats used in your area I suggest you visit your local yacht club.