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Ships and Boats



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Introduction

Ships and boats carry people and **goods** over water. Ships and boats were once the fastest way to move things.



Early Ships and Boats

The first boats were made out of logs.

People used poles to push the boats.



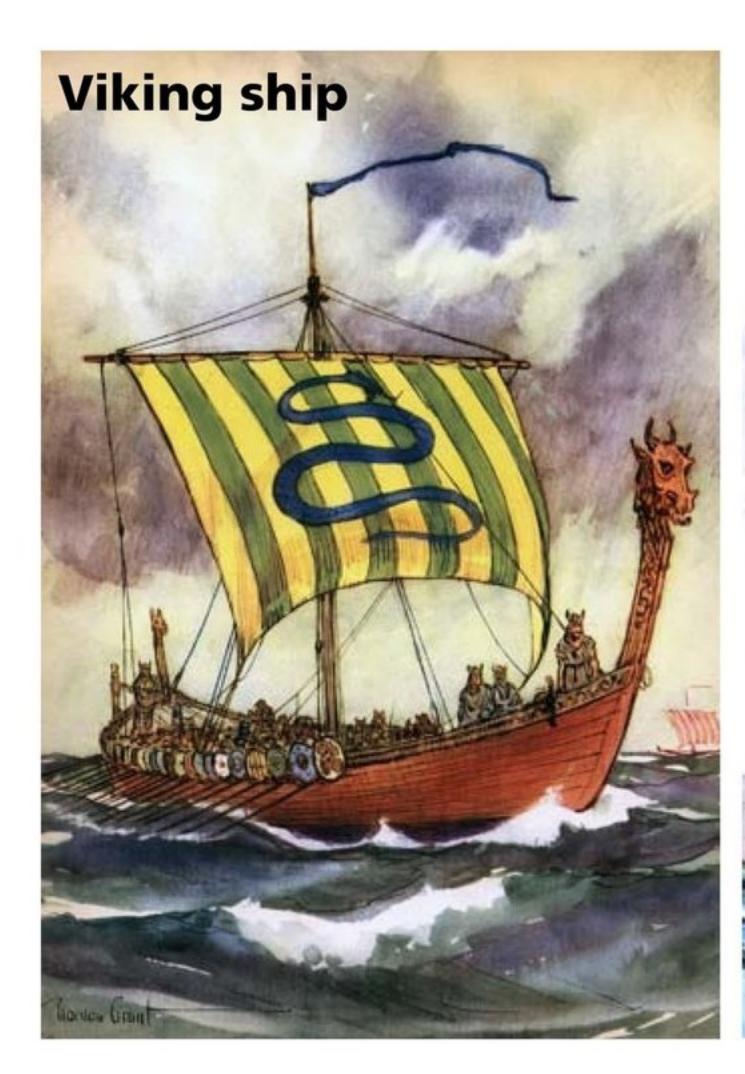
Other boats used paddles or **oars**.

The oars pushed against the water to move the boats.



Later, people made boats with wooden **frames**.

They covered the frames with bark or animal skins.



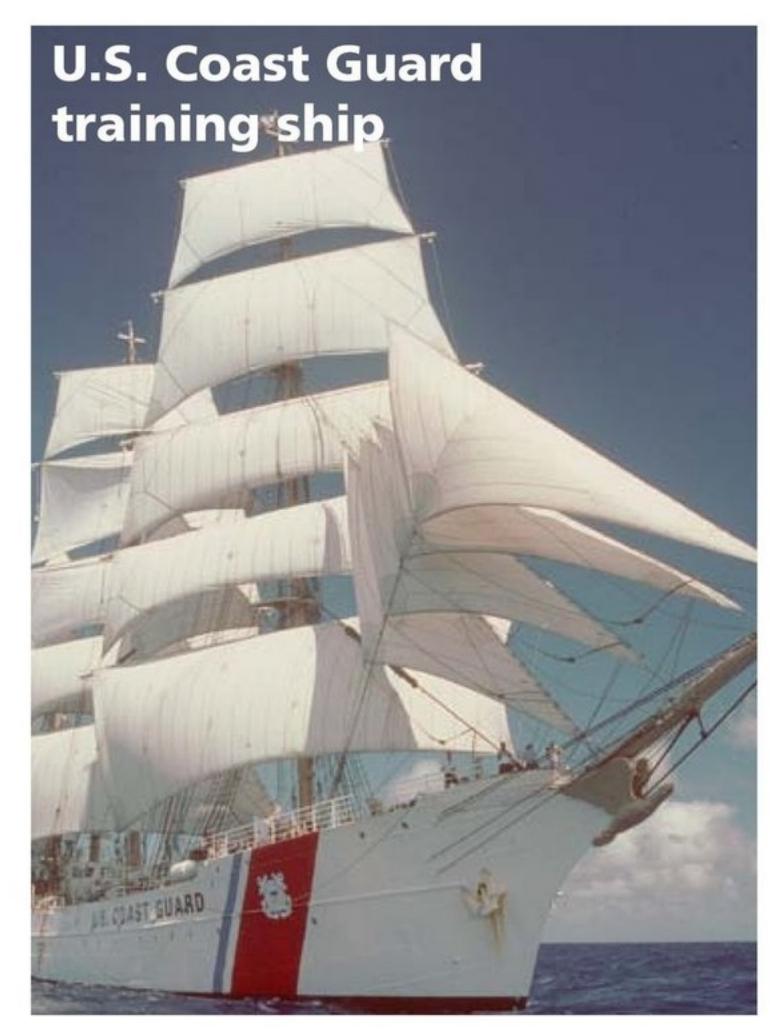


Frame boats were larger than log boats.

Many people could row at the same time.



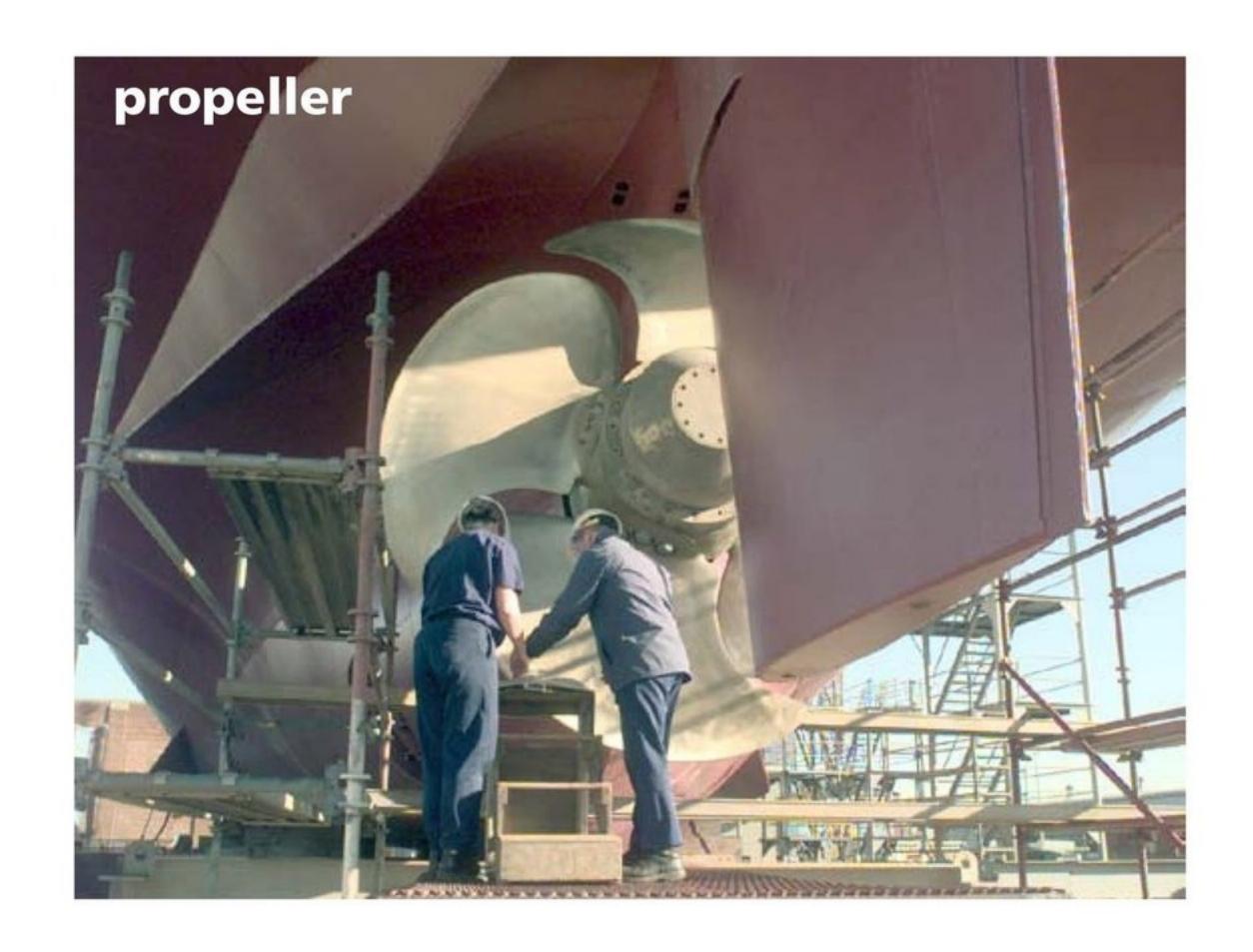
Sails were used to move boats, too.
The sails caught the wind to push the boat.





Larger ships needed more sails.

Sailing ships carried people around the world.



Ships and Boats Today

Many ships and boats today are made of metal or plastic.
They often use motors to move through the water.



People still use smaller boats for fishing and fun.

Many small boats still use paddles or oars.



Many countries use ships and boats to defend their **coasts**. Ships and boats are still an important part of our world.

Glossary

- coasts (n.) areas where the land meets the ocean (p. 13)
- **frames** (n.) structures that give shape and strength to objects (p. 7)
- goods (n.) things that can be bought and sold (p. 4)
- oars (n.) poles with wide blades used to push boats through the water (p. 6)

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