



Ship Shape Treasure Hunt

Grades 4-8

Deck 1A: Cargo Deck

Exhibit: Ship Shape

Start at the top question and work your way down.

Which type of ship did you choose?

What is this ship used for?

Exhibit: Sea Sense

Look at ships through the centuries. Give some ways of how ships have changed through the years with technology.

Deck 2A: Lower Containers

Exhibit: Cargo Conductor

Name two different goods that move through the port of Mobile. _____

Why is it important to have several types of cargo ships?

Exhibit: What's Inside?

List two things you learned by stepping on the tiles.

How large is a container ship compared to airline jets?
(One of the tiles tells you).

Exhibit: Beneath the Bay

Which special type of ship was developed and tested in Mobile Bay but was lost during a storm. The location is still unknown.

Deck 3: Discovery Hull

Exhibit: Tools of the Trade

While loading and unloading ships at port, who is responsible for maintaining ship balance?

Exhibit: MariTimeline

What major project was completed in 1914 which allowed access between the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean? It cut the trip by 8,000 miles!

Deck 3A: Upper Containers

Exhibit: Stream of Time

Look at the table of artifacts during the Spanish Exploration period. Before ships used water to fill ballast tanks they used something quite different. What did they use?

Deck 5: The Bridge

Exhibit: Sound signals

What is one way that all ships can communicate?

What is the signal if your ship is in serious trouble?

Exhibit: In the Dark

For all vessels, a _____ light appears on the left (port) side and a _____ light appears on the right (starboard) side.

Which color light is visible on the back (stern) of a boat or ship? _____