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?
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What is this ship used for?
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Exhibit: Sea Sense
Look at ships through the centuries. Give some ways of how ships have changed through the years with technology.
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Deck 2A: Lower Containers

Exhibit: Cargo Conductor
Name two different goods that move through the port of Mobile.
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Why is it important to have several types of cargo ships?
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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?