

Types Of Sailing Boat

There are many different types of Sailing Boat out there, each have it own characteristics, styles, pros and cons. They can be split up and recognised by the purpose of the vessel and number of hulls/sails.

Knowing and recognising the different types of sailboat is important when learning the skill of sailing. These are the basic sail boat types you should know and the features of them.

Keelboats

A keel boat has a weighted vertical keel or flap on it hull to counteract the force of the wind in the sail and prevents the vessel from sliding to an angle side ways. Keel boats are usually about 20-30 feet long.

Catamarans

A catamaran is a vessel with two hulls. It is usually lighter, much speedier than a sailboat with a single hull, and more stable because of the double hulls (just like a car is more stable than a bike)

Trimarans

A trimaran is a multi hulled sail boat. It has a main hull and then two extra separate hulls, one on either side of the main hull. This gives the trimaran great stability! Compared to a single hulled sail boat. The downside to the trimaran is that it is a little harder to manoeuvre due to it structure.

Yawls

A yawl has two sail masts. The shorter mast called the mizzen, is positioned behind the steering machinery of the yawl.

Cat Boats

The cat boat is another type of sail boat. This is a sail boat where it is fitted with a gaff-rigged sail on a mast which is positioned well forward. A cruising cat boat is around 16-26 feet in length.

These are just the basic and most popular few types and styles of sail boats, there are many, many more out there! Make sure you recognise the type of sail boat so that you can use and handle it properly and safely.