

6. Carrack

The carrack was the beast of burden of the 16th century, carrying cargo and troops to faraway lands. It rode high in the water with the prominent forecastle giving it a characteristic "U" shape. The forecastle located directly above the stem, with the bowsprit rising from its top made sailing to windward difficult and would disappear in galleons which come next.

Carracks for exploration like the Santa Maria were small.



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