

8. Clippers

A clipper was a type of mid-19th-century merchant sailing vessel, designed for speed. Clippers were generally narrow for their length, small by later 19th century standards, could carry limited bulk freight, and had a large total sail area. They were renowned for their beauty, grace, and speed.



Clipper ships were so named because they were fast sailors, a term derived from to “clip”, that is getting as much propulsion as possible from the available wind.

