

9. Sail to Steam

The birth of steam power and their trans-Atlantic voyage was powered by steam technology first practically applied to ships by Robert Fulton. The first successful steamboat was the Clermont, which was built by American inventor Robert Fulton in 1807.



Steamboats were water vessels propelled by steam and started to appear on western rivers in 1807. Robert Fulton built a steamboat and became known as the "Father of Steam Navigation." Steamboats would have an engine that would burn coal to turn water into steam and power the boat.

