CONTAINER SHIPS

MAIN PURPOSES
Transport of goods

SIZE
Around 300m (largest around 400m)

DID YOU KNOW?
Container ships can carry 11,000 containers, each with about 30 tonnes of goods!
That’s around 82,500 elephants overall!
TANKERS & BULK CARRIERS

MAIN PURPOSES
Transport of liquids and gas in bulk

SIZE
Around 450m

DID YOU KNOW?
There are specifically designed types of Tankers to carry different materials. Some seafarers even need specific training to work on them!
The biggest tanker is over 458m, around 4 average football pitches long!
FERRIES, CRUISE SHIPS & YACHTS

MAIN PURPOSES
Transport for passengers and leisure

SIZE
Various. 150-300m (largest 360m long)

DID YOU KNOW?
Cruise ships and ferries can have space for 2,000 passengers plus 1,000 crew members as well as all the entertainment, shopping and catering areas. The biggest cruise ship has capacity for 6,000 passengers and 2,000 crew!
RESEARCH & SPECIALIST SHIPS

MAIN PURPOSES
Research, maintenance, manoeuvring

SIZE
Various

DID YOU KNOW?
From research in the Antarctic to skilfully assisting larger vessels in and out of port, these vessels can offer specialist assistance for lots of different purposes across the Merchant Navy