

Can Boats Fly?



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT WATER VEHICLES



Boats sail across the sea. They bob along on lakes and rivers. They help people travel and have fun in the water. They also help people get work done.



Let's learn more about boats. Read each question and try to guess the answer. Then turn the page to find out if you got it right!



**Which kinds of boats work
best in the wind?**



Sailboats! People have used them to travel the seas for thousands of years. Sailboats were invented long before engines existed. The sails catch the wind to push the boats through the waves.



How do cars get across the sea?



Cars ride on ferries to travel across the water. Ferries often carry vehicles and people to and from islands. The world's largest car ferry is named Ulysses. It can carry 1,342 cars and more than 2,000 passengers!

Ulysses



FUN WATER VEHICLE FACTS!

The world's largest cruise ship, the Icon of the Seas, is almost 1,200 feet (366 meters) long. It can hold 5,610 passengers and 2,350 crew members.



The first fireboats were built in the late 1800s. They were powered by steam engines.

Some aircraft carriers are large enough to hold more than 75 planes and helicopters at once!



Some personal watercraft can travel 67 miles (108 kilometers) per hour. That's faster than cars on some roads!



The *Royal Clipper* is the largest full-rigged sailing ship in the world. It has five masts for its 42 sails.

A ship that combines a ferry with a cruise ship is called a cruise ferry.

