

Boats! We all admire or even envy them and like to think we know all about them, but did you know some boats begin with the letter Q or even X? If that's not fun enough, even the boat beginning with B has a fairly entertaining name and the boat beginning with D is arguably even better! I've given too many spoilers. Now let's go through A to Z!

### Airboat

Apparently air boats are often used for fishing, debunking my theory that airboats are the same as planes. Ever seem a plane fish? No, really, have you? I'm picturing the passengers dangling massive fishing rods out of the windows, and stuff like that. A very stupid thing to do because of the air pressure or whatever, but strangely plausible to me at least. At least for a few seconds, maybe.

### Banana Boat

These sound like a lot of fun. Wikipedia says these ships were designed to quickly transport bananas. My question is 'what's the hurry?' I can think of a million things more important than bananas. I guess they go bad, don't they? But now we live in the age of fridges, maybe such boats can be fazed out?

### Cruise Ship

Ships for Tom Cruise. I get he's a famous actor, but how does he afford all of them? Perhaps the world's first trillionaire and all he does is pretend to be a spy and shout at people.

### Dinghy

If a boat can be destroyed by a simple pair of scissors, I'd feel uncomfortable riding it, especially as I can't swim. The silly sounding name of the boat, wouldn't lighten my mood in any way whatsoever.

### Electric Boat

Water and electricity! Great! What if the battery cover comes off, or something like that? I'll tell you, everyone dies.

### Ferry

Try destroying a ferry with scissors! Just one of the reasons I loved my ferry experiences as a child. If I saw a lunatic trying to sink everyone with just a paper cutting instrument, I would have laughed my head off. Sadly, it was the age before mobile phone cameras. Straight to Youtube, nowadays.

### Galley

These ships are familiar to everyone who valued nautical defence in the Age of Empires games. You know what my favourite AoE character is? The monk! You can actually turn enemy soldiers into your allies with the holy people. How would you feel

if someone stole something from you and there was nothing you could do? (As long as you don't have monks of your own to reclaim your property). Powned!

#### Houseboat

What if a monk steals your house boat, and you're without your own monk, again? You could end up going on all sorts of crazy trips, and if you can't swim away, you're screwed. :S

#### Inflatable Boat

Hm. I thought dinghies were inflatable boats. Let's do another I...

#### Ice Boat

Obviously boats can't travel on ice, so I presume ice boats are boats made of ice. That's crazy, too.

#### Jetboat

Ever seen a speed limit sign in the sea? That suggests speeding there is safe, right? Think again. The air also needs some speed limits, as do fields and such in the middle of nowhere. Do you know how new speed limits the world needs? By my own calculations, it's roughly 10 billion. Better get busy, sign companies. :O

#### Kayak

Ok, you can't REALLY destroy a kayak with some scissors, but you can pretty quickly with nothing but a hammer. And only a madman would store their luggage in a kayak. At the end of the day, it's far more sensible to book a ferry.

#### Lifeboat

I only have positive things to say about lifeboats, believe me. So let's move on.

#### Missile Boat

Wow, an absolutely massive contrast in about five seconds of reading. I've certainly never heard of a missile boat saving anyone, anyway. Lifesaving missiles? They can't be a thing, surely.

#### Norfolk Wherry

A wherry from Norfolk. Now what's a wherry? A weird ferry, I guess. What's a weird ferry? A ferry made out of sponges would be pretty weird. Don't look at me funny, it's not my idea, is it? Oh it is. I'm having trouble commenting on this one, due to lack of knowledge/patience. Let's move on.

#### Oiler

The sad truth is, people need to dump oil somewhere. And oilers dump oil faraway in the sea. :(

### Pedalo

Boats you peddle! No match for gunships in terms of firepower obviously, but do gunships make you fitter? Nope.

### Q-Ship

Armed ships dressed as harmless merchant ships to trick the enemy and fire at them! Also known as mystery ships, but of course that place was taken up by almost as cool missile boats. Also known as decoy vessels too, but come on, do you really want me to replace dinghies?? Such a fun word.

### Raft

Ok, THESE boats suck. Anything I could make myself should definitely cause alarm bells. Rafts are just bundles of sticks tied together! They certainly would take the enemy by surprise, though. But such surprise would be quickly followed by a very easy kill.

### Submarine

Ha. I didn't know submarines are boats. It's believable though, it's not like when Google famously called motorbikes cars. Did you know you can sink submarines? In contrast to typical boats which are opposites, I'd have thought a destroyed sub would get higher and higher until it entered space. Apparently not. But who knows? You know how there is space debris? MAYBE some of that debris is destroyed submarines.

### Tanker

Ships designed to carry huge amounts of liquids or gases. Sadly you get oil tankers too, which can also dump vast amounts of the fuel into the sea when it's not longer needed. :S

### U-Boat

It's not U-Boat, it's your boat. Then again, as these boats were German, such a mistake is completely understandable. You should hear my German! I just know a few words because of Rammstein. Of course the Germans never gave their boats away, again showing poor comprehension of the English language.

### Vlet

On Wikipedia, I clicked on 'vlet' and I got sent to a page saying 'Harbour launch'. Annoyingly, the word 'vlet' isn't on it, and my spellchecker doesn't recognise the word. I Googled 'vlet' and was shown a page saying 'punt boat'! Vlet was never mentioned there, either. :S

### Waka

If something as basic as a raft could pose a threat to these canoes, wakas suck, too. I'm sure they were impressive when they were first made, but not anymore.

### Xebec

Old Mediterranean sailing ships used for trading. An interesting fact for an interesting name.

### Yacht

Yachts can have sails or be powered, and they can be used for pleasure, cruising OR racing! Very varied, right? Just remember they're not yoghurts, too. They're not THAT varied. Your reading of this has just stopped you from looking like a complete fool! :O

### Zille

Working, fishing and recreational boats. Almost as varied as yachts, but without the nonsensical spelling.

Wow, all the letters of the alphabet were used. Great stuff. What are my favourite boats? Of COURSE it has to be ferries - transportations filled with endless fun. But what comes second? I guess cruise ships sound fun too. If only the superstar stopped hogging them all. Why would he need more than one? It implies he can be in more than one place at the same time. And if that's the case, sure, pay him lots of money, such a person could be extremely hard working, contributing to multiple projects at the same time. :O I guess if I was 15 years old again, I could assume Tom Cruise was Jesus. That's it! Bye!