

Watercraft

A rowboat is an early example of a watercraft

A **watercraft** is a [vehicle](#) that can move on the [surface](#) of the water. Some watercrafts can go under the water. Examples of watercrafts are [boats](#), [ships](#), [hovercraft](#) and [submarines](#). Watercrafts are usually [propelled](#) by a [sail](#), [oar](#), [paddle](#) or [engine](#).

Types

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There are different types of watercrafts. They are:

- [Personal watercraft](#)
- [Pleasure craft](#)
- [Lifeboat](#)
- [Ship](#)
- [Submarine](#)
- [Merchant ship](#)
- [Sailboat](#)

Propulsion

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Watercraft use different ways to move. They are:

- [Oars](#): An oar is a [tool](#) used to move a boat through the water. It is one of the first means of moving a watercraft.^[1]
- [Sail](#): A sail is a large piece of cloth on the top of some [boats](#). The wind goes around the sail and makes the boat move through the water.
- [Engine](#): An engine is a [machine](#) used to change [energy](#) into movement that can be used. [Natural gas](#) are usually used to make the engine change energy. Some military we engines use [nuclear energy](#).

Uses

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Watercrafts are used for [fishing](#). They are also used to transport [goods](#) and [services](#) to different places. They are used by the [military](#) to attack when there is [war](#).

Watercrafts are used in many types of [water sports](#). Watercraft like [submarines](#) are used to explore the deep [ocean](#). They are also used for

[leisure](#). Some watercrafts are also used to get [natural resources](#) from the ocean.

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