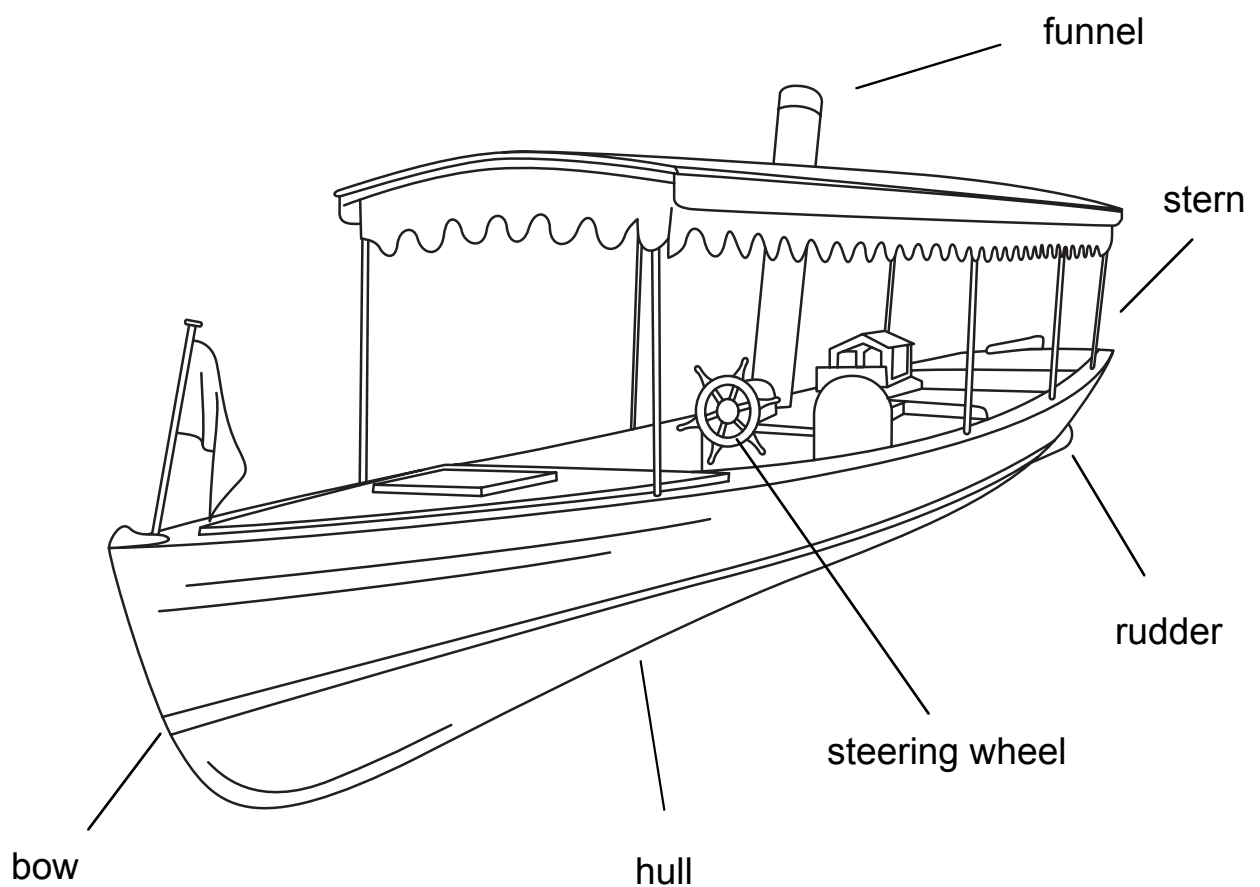


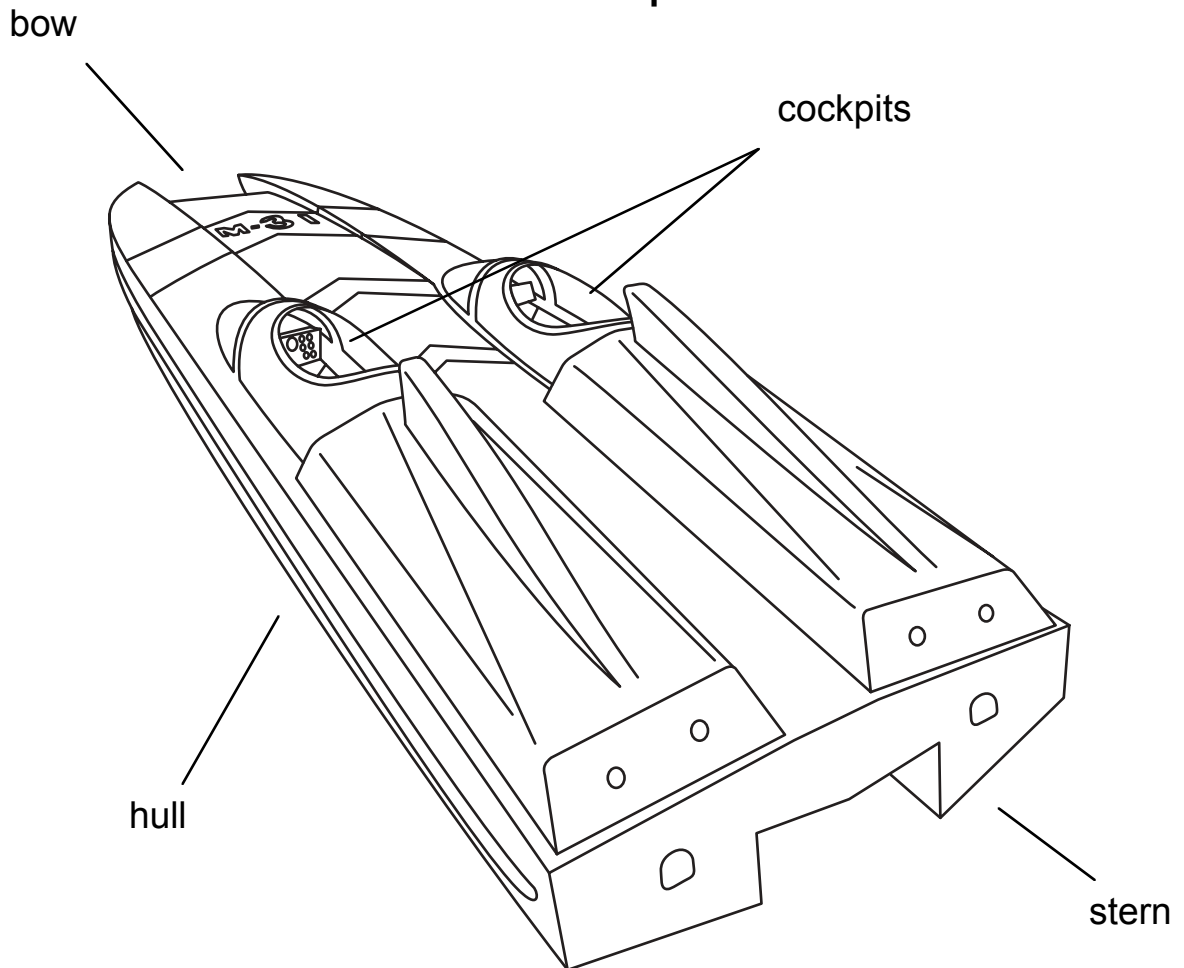
Please encourage the children to try and find the answers out themselves from looking at the boats and information around them. These notes are to help you do that.

Cygnet



Cygnet is the oldest motorboat in the collection. It was built in 1873 by a famous firm called Thornycroft. It was powered by steam and was used for pleasure cruising. Cygnet is an open launch.

Lambs Unipart

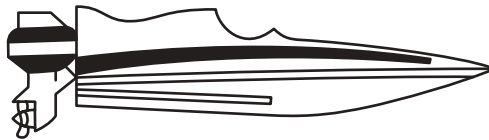


Lambs Unipart was used for offshore power boat racing. It has three seats for the navigator, co driver and driver. The boat and crew became British, European and World Champions. In 1989 they won the Guernsey Gold Cup. The boat is a catamaran.

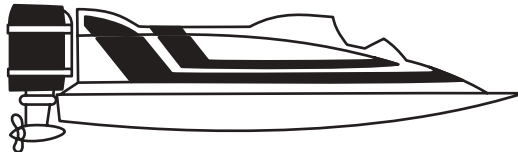
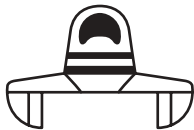
Marion “Joe” Carstairs

Joe Carstairs was born in 1900. She did most of her racing between 1919 and 1931. 30 of her trophies are on display in the museum. Carstairs was racing at a time when it was considered a women’s place should be in the home. Women had only just achieved a limited right to vote.

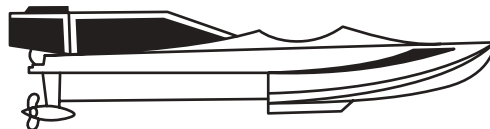
Hull shapes



Monohull



Catamaran



Hydroplane

Monohulls - a flaring V-shape that helps the front section of the hull to rise out of the water at high speed.

Catamarans - only the rear hulls (and their propeller and rudder) stay wet at race speeds, making them the fastest class of racer.

Hydroplanes - the twin hulls create “lift”. At full speed they become airborne. Only the back hull stays in the water.