



## Why a Ship Is Called a "She"

*A ship is called a "she" because she's all decked out and usually pretty well stacked. She has pleasing lines from stem to stern, and there's generally a gang of men around her.*

*It's not her initial cost which breaks you; it's the upkeep. Her rigging costs a fortune, and she always looks her best in a new coat of paint.*

*Bows and bells are standard equipment, and sometimes she wears a bonnet. (There's usually a lot of bustle about her, but she usually manages to show off her superstructure to advantage.)*

*When entering home port she heads straight for the buoys. When sailing, she usually knows her destination, but this is not common knowledge. When you want to attract her attention, a whistle's the appropriate signal.*

*Once you really get to know her you never want to leave her. On a balmy night, or a calm moonlit night, she can make tired men forget their troubles.*

*Finally, she has as many tricks and teases as any woman, and consequently it takes a very capable man to handle one properly.*

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