Naval Warfare in the Ancient World

John Martin The Deluge 1834

Francis Danby The Deluge 1840, Tate Britain

William Bell Scott The Evening of the Deluge 1865

Winifred Knights The Deluge 1920, Tate Britain
Mesopotamian Flood Tablet, British Museum

Vishnu as Mahas pulling Manu's boat

Deucalion and Pyrrha Repopulating the World after the Flood by Rubens 1636

Athena Supervising the Building of the Argo Roman C1st AD, British Museum

Launching the Argo by Flaxman

Sneferu's record of the ship called "The Praise of the Two Lands" 2613 BC, Palermo
Khufu's Ship reconstructed from the original excavated wood c. 2500 BC

Lifesize replica of Uluburun shipwreck of c. 1300 BC, Bodrum Museum of Underwater Archaeology

Model of the Uluburun Ship

Suppiluliumas II king of the Hittites

Hattusa reliefs recording battle of Alashiya

Artist's impression of battle of Alashiya
Aerial view of Medinet Habu the mortuary temple of Rameses III

The Medinet Habu murals depicting the battles between Rameses III and the Sea Peoples are located on the northern outside wall of the temple.

The northern wall of Medinet Habu upon which the battles with the Sea Peoples are portrayed.

General view of the battles with the Sea Peoples.

Closer view of the battles with the Sea Peoples.

Drawing of the mural depicting the battles with the Sea Peoples.
Close up of an Egyptian ship on the left battling with a Philistine ship

Sea Peoples in their ships during the battle with the Egyptians from the mortuary temple of Ramesses III at Medinet Habu

Sea battle from Medinet Habu detail

Tjeker ship from Medinet Habu - the giant arrows are being shot at the troops by a giant 20 foot tall Ramesses III outside of this frame (see above)

Egyptian captive with Philistine headdress from Medinet Habu

Sea Peoples ship from Medinet Habu and Achaean ship
Phoenician ships based on reliefs at Konyunik showing battle between king of Tyre and Assyrians

Warship on a Phoenician coin

Assyrian warship, a birome with pointed bow 700 BC, British Museum

Naval battle on crater of Aristonos 7th BC Capitoline

Map showing the Thermopylae & Artemisium campaign 480 BC

Cumae acropolis seen from lower city – battle off the coast in 474 BC
Phoenician trade routes

Rome and Carthage

Punic Wars round Sicily

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Battle of Ecnomus 256 BC

Battle of Ecnomus
Battle of Cape Ecnomus 256 BC in 18th print

Battle of the Aegates Islands 241 BC - Roman Galley

Siege of Syracuse 212 BC

Carthaginian naval ram

Battle of Aegates Islands 10 March 241 BC

Pompey defeating the pirates 66 BC
Coin of Pompey the great with warship

Silver denarius of Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus as proconsul with prow of rostrata celebrating victory over Cilician pirates Rome

Faro of Messina and warship on coin of Sextus Pompeius silver denarius

Caesar’s ships in Armorica 56 BC

Battle between British Fleet and XIV Legio and Batavians and Canninefatae allies 69 AD