



Lesson 1.1

Purchase and ship



The MCC built her own ships, the build of The Unity lasted four years. After a voyage the ship was restored and cleaned on the wharf in Middelburg. The cargo that was loaded on board in Zeeland, the cargason, consisted mainly of goods for Western Africa.

① The ship

The Unity was a trade vessel and was used for trade from Europe to Africa to the West Indies back to Europe (a triangle trade).

Before the voyage could begin, a lot of work needed to be done. Building the ship, filling the ship with cargo, arranging a crew

Here you can see the workplace where the ship was built. What do we call this kind of workplace?



Snow ship

The Unity was a snow ship, a ship built for coastal voyages.

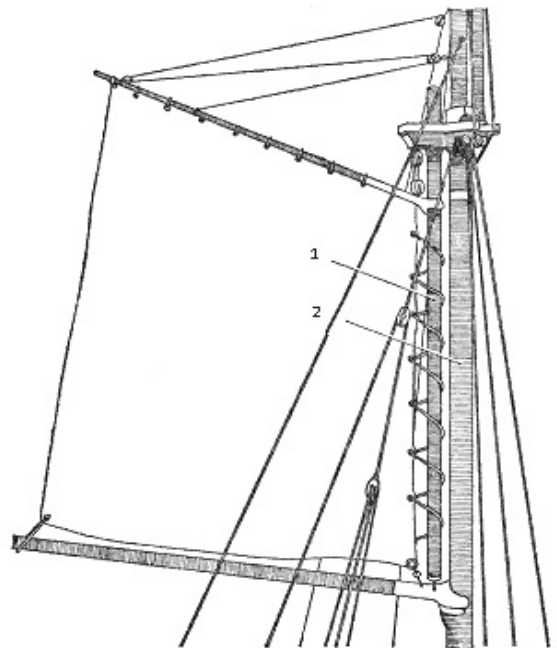
A snow ship has three masts.

The rear mast was an extra mast, the snow mast.



④ Snauwmast

Which mast (1 or 2) is the snow mast?

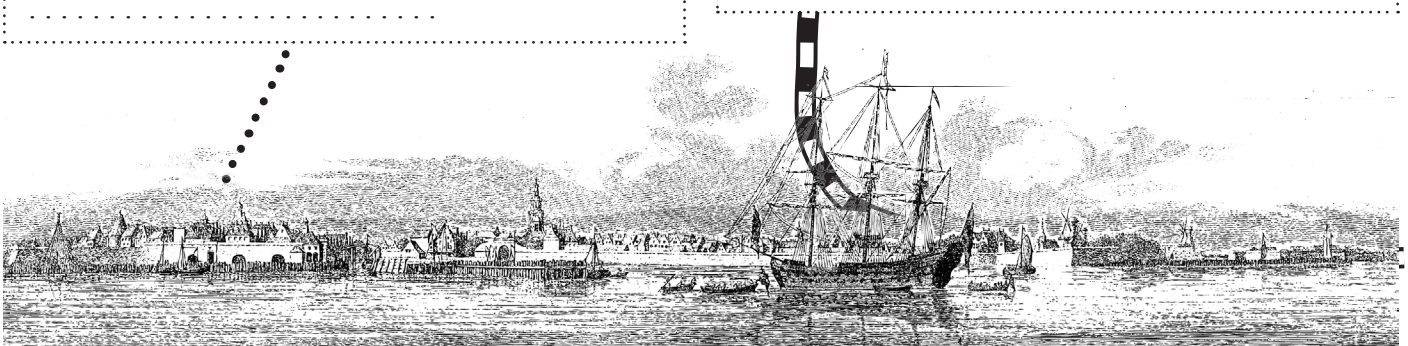


② Sailing ship

The Unity was a sailing ship, what then was important for the ship to sail?

③ Loading

Who loaded the ship?



5 Load

The cargo loaded on board in Middelburg was called the cargason. This cargo was destined for Western Africa. These goods were traded for slaves, gold and ivory.

Below is a description of some of the goods. Indicate how each of the goods was transported.

<i>Description:</i>	<i>Transport:</i>
guns and swords
trumpets and mirrors
glassware
tobacco pipes
knives
lead
copper
beads
padlocks
pewter bowls
textiles and snuff boxes
tobacco
brandy wine
liqueur
gunpowder

What is the name of area in the ship where the cargo was stored?

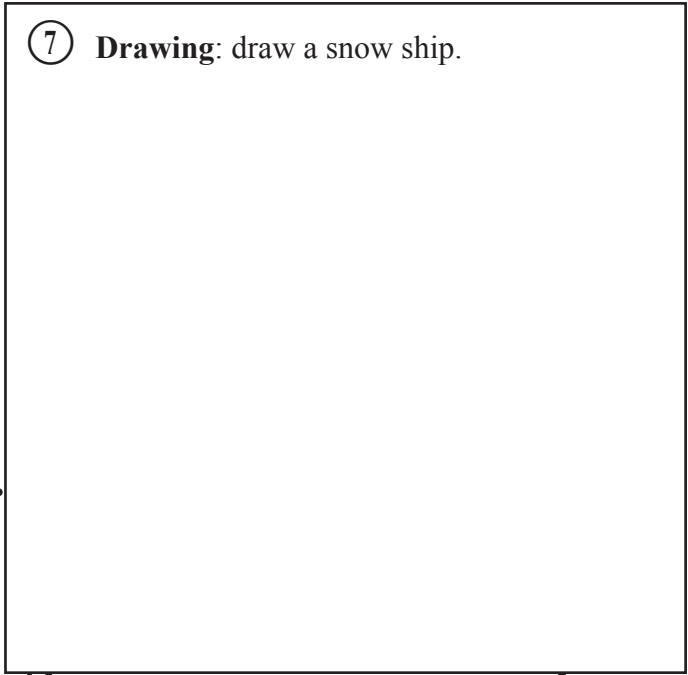
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6 What was taken for the slaves?

At the time of departure they accounted for the slaves who would come aboard in Africa. Which of the goods below were taken for the slaves?

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| <i>bread</i> | <i>cola</i> | <i>meat</i> | <i>vegetables</i> |
| <i>water</i> | <i>boards</i> | <i>mattress</i> | <i>hammock</i> |
| <i>nails</i> | <i>shackles</i> | <i>clothes</i> | <i>towel</i> |
| | <i>washcloth</i> | <i>chains</i> | |

7 Drawing: draw a snow ship.



Information

The cargo that was taken to Africa and the West Indies was called cargason. The enslaved Africans were called the armason.

The cargason was traded in Western Africa from gold, ivory and slaves (armason). The trade load that was taken back home was simply called the return load.

8 Wind speed

How is wind speed indicated?

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Describe or draw what the ocean looks like at the following wind speed:

Wind speed 1



Wind speed 5



Wind speed 9



Wind speed 12

