Traditional boats of Mallorca





The main traditional boats of Mallorca

Pastera

A small, flat-bottomed boat, which can be rowed in shallow waters.



Open-boat Bot

An auxiliary boat for rowing to and from a larger boat.



Gussi

A small fishing boat. It has the same-shaped bow and stern, which allows it to be easily rowed in either direction.





Llantxa felanitxera

In and around Portocolom, this boat has a violin-like feature, that is, the outer part of the bow of the boat resembles the bow of a violin.





Decked Bot

A boat that can be sailed or rowed. Because it has a deck, it can go further out to sea. These days it is used in regattas.



Llaüt

This boat has a similar bow and stern. It is designed to be sailed and can be aided by rowing, although currently it uses a motor. These boats were used for fishing, and the bigger ones transported goods between the islands. There are versions with one, two and even three sails.



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The first boats were rowing boats, and then sailing boats, and now motor boats.

The boats in this guide can still be seen today

in Mallorca's harbours. Some of them are a hundred years old.

There were also much bigger boats. Some transported goods

between the islands and all over the Mediterranean.

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Others were trawlers.

and some attacked vessels from enemy kingdoms to steal their cargo.

In his book. *Navíos v Navegantes* (Boats and Seafarers). Víctor Guerrero describes the arrival of the first settlers on the islands. in pre-historic times, and what their boats were believed to be like.

There are associations in the Balearic Islands which take care of traditional boats: They restore them and sail them.

You can consult them to find out more!

- Associació d'amics del Museu Marítim de Mallorca
- Associació Alzinaires
- · Associació per la conservació del patrimoni i la cultura marítima mallorguina
- · Amics de n'Agustina

- Associació de vela llatina Mallorca
- · Real liga naval española -Baleares
- · Reina del Mar, Eivissa
- · Amics del Port de Maó, Menorca
- Amics de la mar de Menorca



