

The U. S. Navy

December 1862

Description	Number	Guns	Tons
Old Navy	74	1,691	100,008
Purchased vessels	180	688	86,910
Transferred from War & Treasury Departments	50	230	32,828
New vessels, completed & constructing	123	659	120,290

Losses by shipwreck and in battle

Name	Class	Guns	Remarks
R. B. Forbes	Steamer	3	Wrecked Feb 1862 coast of North Carolina
Congress	Frigate	50	In action with Merrimac, 8 March 1862
Cumberland	Sloop	24	In action with Merrimac, 8 March 1862
Whitehall	Steamer	4	At Old Point, 9 March 1862 by fire
M J Carlton	Mortar Schooner	3	Attack on Forts Jackson and St Philip, 19 April 1862
Varuna	Steamer	9	In action with Confederate gunboats below New Orleans, 24 April 1862
Sydney C Jones	Mortar Schhoner	3	Grounded below Vicksburg and burned to avoid falling into the hands of the enemy
Island Belle	Steamer	2	Grounded in Appomattox river and burned to avoid falling into the hands of the enemy
Adirondack	Screw Sloop	9	Wrecked near Abaco 23 August 1862
Henry Andrew	Steamer	3	Wrecked in a gale near Cape Henry 24 August 1862
Sumter	Steam Ram	2	Grounded in Mississippi river and abandoned

Vessels added since 4 March 1861 (exclusive of losses)

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By purchase	180	688	86,910
By transfer	50	230	32,828
By construction	123	659	120,290

Added by construction

Description	No. of vessels	Guns	Tons
2nd class screw sloops of war	13	116	16,396
Screw gunboats	27	108	14,033
Sidewheel gunboats	39	296	36,337

Armored wooden vessels	12	65	20,893
Armored iron vessels	32	74	32,631

Iron clad navy

Description	No. of vessels	Guns	Tons
Seaboard			
Armored wooden vessels	8	56	19,005
Armored iron vessels	20	42	22,611
Western Rivers			
Armored wooden vessels	4	9	1,883
armored wooden vessels (transferred from War Department)	10	122	6,284
Armored iron vessels	12	32	10,020

Navy on Western Waters

Description	No. of vessels	Guns	Tons
Armored vessels	26	261	59,808
Wooden gunboats	18	79	6,380
Transports & ordnance steamers	10	2	9,000
Rams	5	24	11,200
Armed tugs	13		650

Navy as it will be when all vessels now under construction are completed:

Sailing vessels

Description	No. of vessels	Guns	Tons
Ships of the line	6	504	16,094
Frigates	6	300	10,287
Sloops of war	16	289	14,305
Brigs	4	20	999
Ships including store & receiving	23	139	18,087
Schooners	29	69	5,821
Barks	18	92	8,432
Yachts	2	2	200

Steam Vessels

Screw frigates	5	223	18,722
Screw sloops, 1st class	6	133	11,955
Screw sloops, 2nd class	21	167	23,992
Screw gunboats (new)	27	108	14,033
Iron-clad vessels	54	261	59,803
Sidewheel frigates	4	49	8,003
Sidewheel gunboats (new)	39	296	36,367
Sidewheel gunboats (old Navy)	5	11	2,190
Screw steamers (purchased)	53	215	23,490

Sidewheel steamers (purchased)	63	250	38,617
Screw steamers (old Navy)	6	27	2,590
Gunboats, transports &c (transfeered from other departments)	40	108	26,544

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