## Color Our Collections





## Drawings based on images in our collections by Craig St. Clair.



See more of our educational offerings

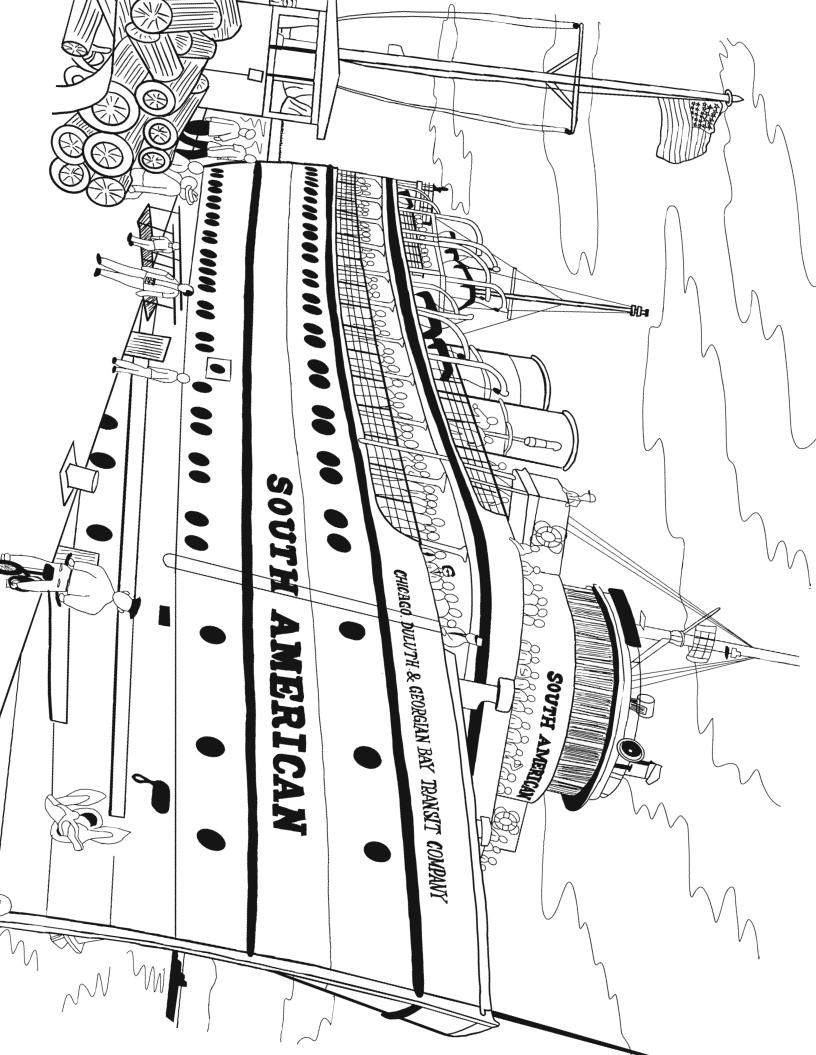




Edward O. Clark was born in June of 1918 in New York, but would spend most of his life in Chalmont, Pennsylvania. He spent the summer of 1939 working on a ferry on Narragansett Bay, which may have been the start of his lifelong love of ships. In 1940, upon graduating from Princeton University with a degree in mechanical engineering, Clark joined the newly established Steamship Historical Society of America. At this time, he considered his favorite steam vessels to be those from the Long Island Sound and Hudson River, such as the *Robert Fulton*, the New Yorker and the Conanticut, which had once been owned by the Jamestown & Newport Ferry Company that he had worked for the previous summer. Shortly after joining SSHSA, Clark served in WWII. When he returned, he began increasing his collection of 35mm slides, documenting the ships he saw on his travels. The time he spent photographing tugs, ferries, and passenger and cargo steamers on the Delaware River and in New York Harbor as well as other waterways has preserved an abundance of maritime history. Clark served as editor-in-chief of Steamboat Bill, SSHSA's quarterly magazine, from 1955-1960, and wrote two articles on the "City Ice Boat No. 2," a sidewheel ice-breaker, his favorite steamboat of the time. Clark passed away on November 4, 1994.



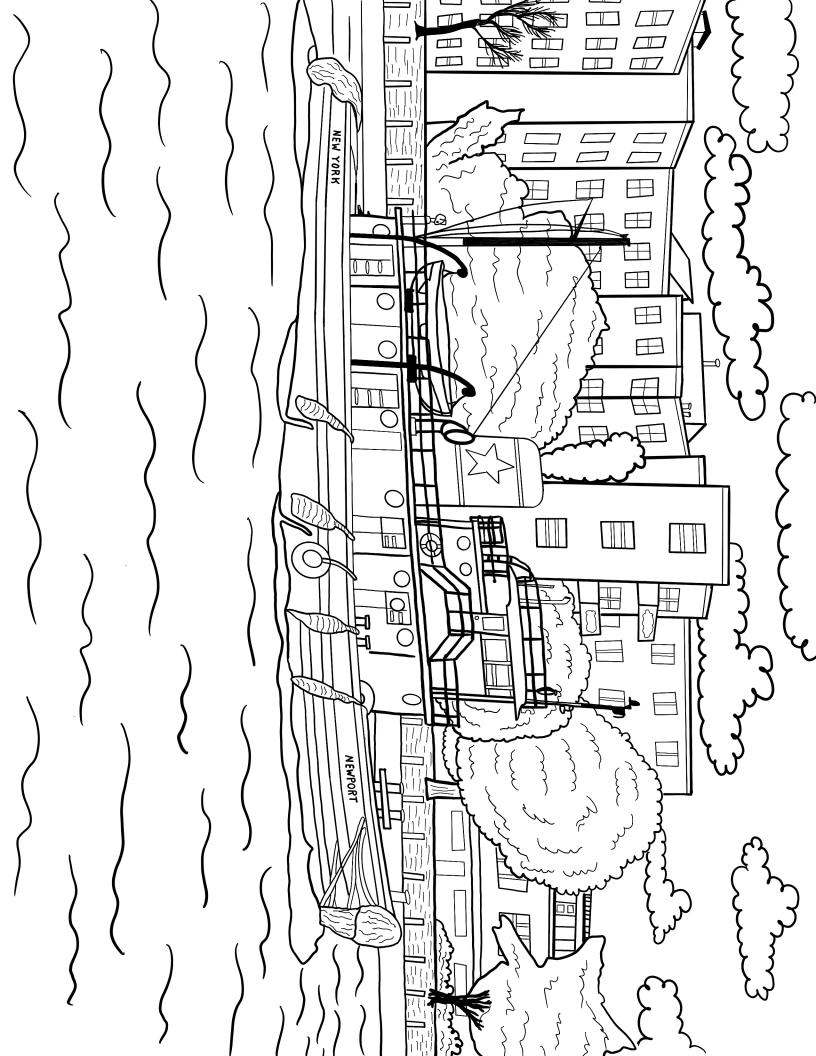
Georgian Bay Line passenger steamship *South American* at a dock at Mackinac Island, Michigan.





Red Star tug Newport underway in New York.

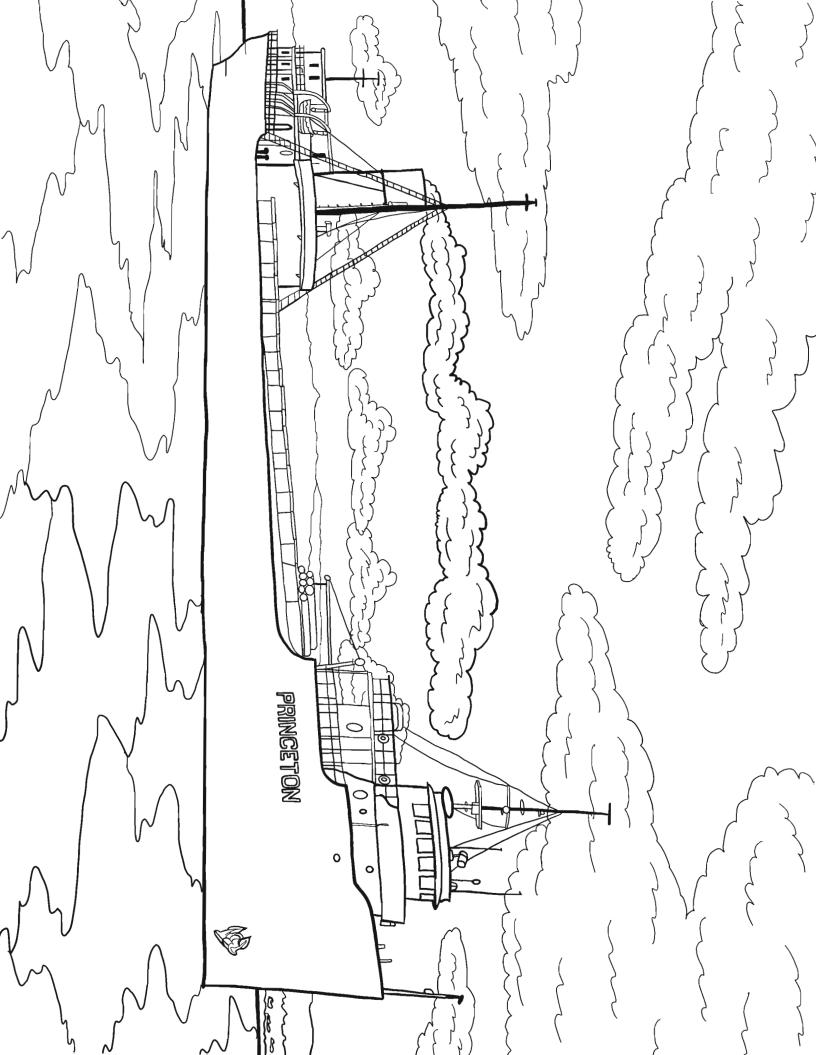
A tugboat or tug is a vessel that maneuvers other vessels by pushing them or pulling them with direct contact or towline. Tugs usually assist other ships in circumstances where they cannot move under their own power like crowded harbors or narrow canals. They also help move barges or disabled ships that cannot move in their own.





Bulk carrier *Princeton* of the Great Lakes underway.

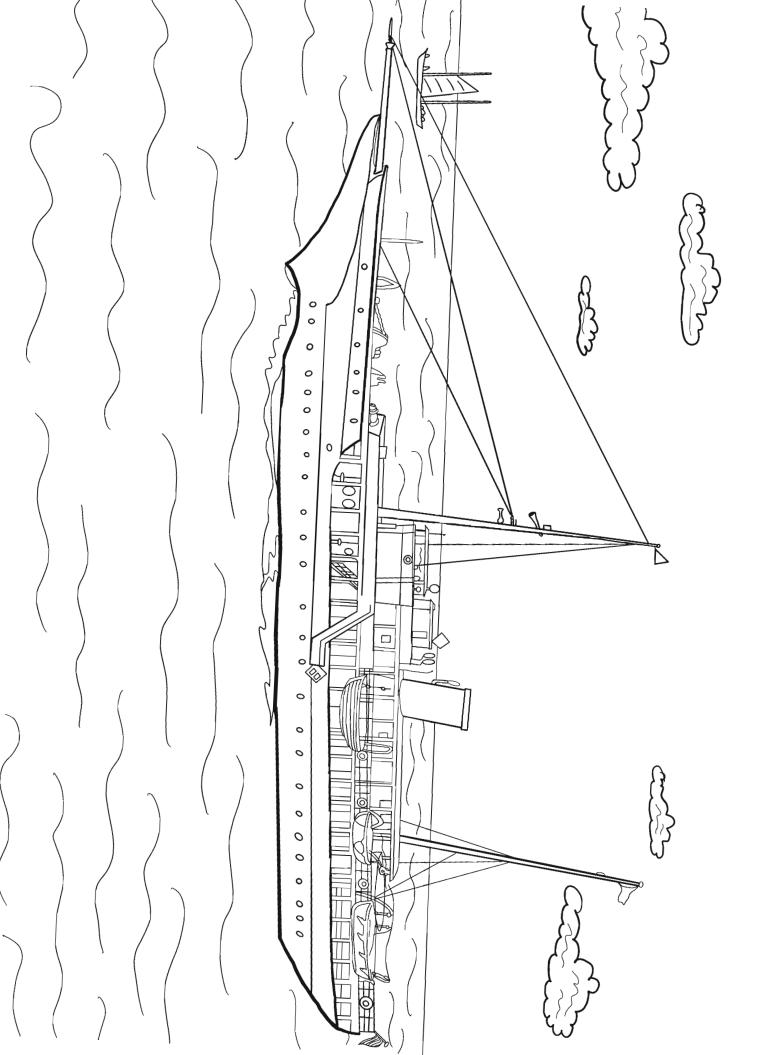
A bulk carrier is a merchant ship designed to transport unpackaged bulk cargo such as grains, coal, ore, and cement in its cargo holds.





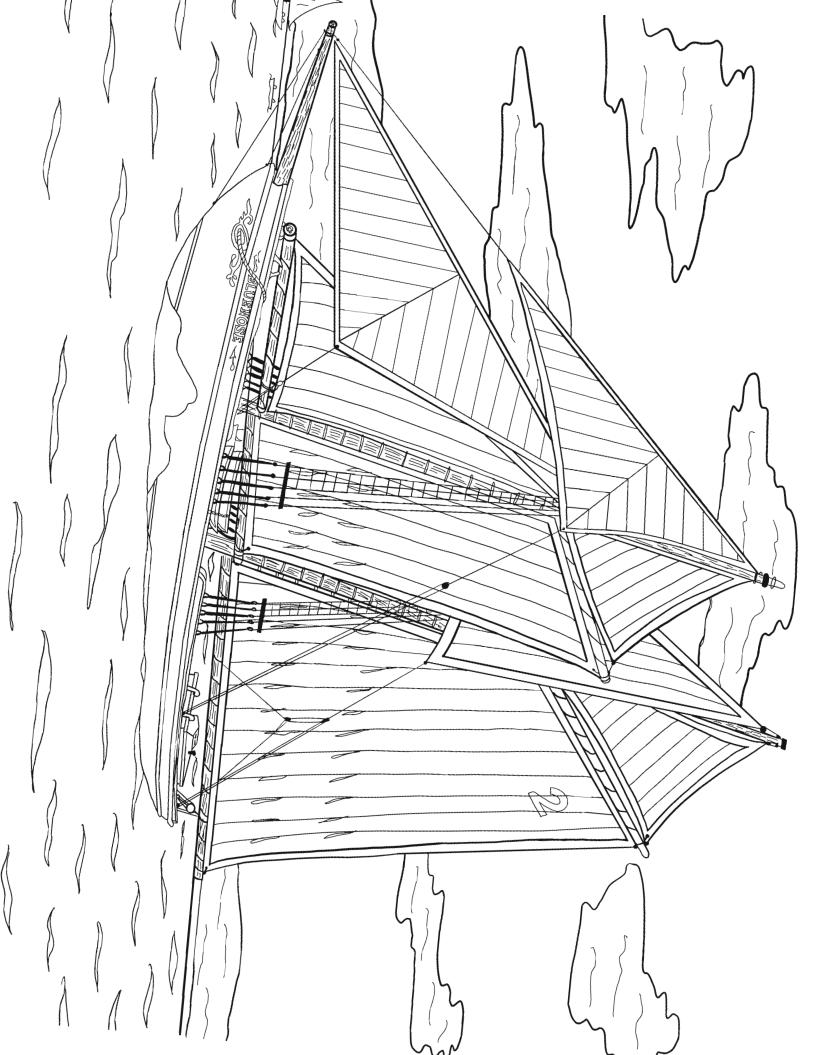
Steam or motor yacht seen during the America's Cup Race in Newport, Rhode Island in 1937.

A steam yacht is a luxury or commercial yacht with primary or secondary steam or motor propulsion in addition to sails.





Model of the fishing and racing schooner Bluenose of Lunenberg, Nova Scotia. She was built in 1921. Posner Maritime Art Collection, SSHSA Archives.





Learn more about our organization

