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Trade Directories: Introduction

Definition: "Trade directory - a book containing alphabetical lists and information about people, companies and organisations involved in trade and industry, or a geographic area. Typically listing their name, address, contact details, principal staff, products, facilities, and services". Ref: tbc.

Directories historically were revised and published every few years, then annually as printing and then computer database technologies improved. They used to be a printed "snapshot" at a particular date. Current titles are now often only available online as e-directories/e-databases and are updated continuously.

Trade Directories: Holdings

Also included are a few books which contain significant lists of ships, they are not a snapshot of one year but cover many years and are a historical review but are a useful companion to trade directories.

For a related topic search the Collection's website for **Search Collection** then **Ship Registers**.

Trade Directories		
Publisher & Title	Content & scope	MTSC holdings
<i>ABC shipping guide</i> . ABC Travel Guides Ltd, UK.	Directory of passenger shipping companies and ports with voyage route timetables. No statistics or illustrations.	n212=Sept 1973, n?=Aug 1982.
<i>AWES (Association of Western European Shipbuilders) Shiprepairers Group Directory</i> .	Directory of members.	1979-1980.
<i>British tramps, coasters, and colliers</i> . Laurence Dunn. Hippo Books No.10, Longacre Press Ltd, UK.	Pocket book directory. Principal particulars and photo of each vessel.	1962.
British Internal Combustion Engine Manufacturers' Association (BICEMA), UK. <i>British diesel engine catalogue</i> .	Comprehensive directory of UK companies. Advertising brochures listing main specifications of each diesel engine and company. Photos and engine plans.	3e=1954, 4e=1957, 5e=1961, 6e=1965, 7e=year?, 8e=1972/73.
<i>British Fisheries manual & directory</i> . Fine Publications, UK. See also: Fishing News Directory.	Comprehensive directory of UK companies, products & services, fishing vessels. Some statistics & illustrations.	1948.
<i>British Marine Industries Federation (BMIF). BMIF yearbook & classified buyer's guide</i> .	Directory of British companies, products and services for boats, yachts, and equipment. No illustrations or statistics.	1997-98.
<i>The British shipbuilding compendium: the buyers' guide to British shipbuilding, marine engineering, repairing, and shipyard equipment</i> . The	Directory of British shipbuilding and marine engineering companies, facilities, products and services.	11e=1961.

British shipbuilding compendium, UK		
<i>British Shipbuilding Facilities and Services.</i>	Directory of British companies, products, facilities, and services for shipbuilding, enginebuilding, and shiprepairing.	1966 – 1967.
<i>Canadian ports and seaway directory. Including United States on the Great Lakes.</i>	Directory of Canadian organisations, companies, products and services. No illustrations or statistics.	1971.
<i>Chambers trades register of Yorkshire, Northumberland and Durham: General trade, including retailing and distribution, professions, engineers, manufacturing and merchants.</i> Chambers Trade Registers & Directories Ltd, UK.	Directory of companies, products and services in the region. No illustrations or statistics.	1966.
Clarkson Research Services Ltd. <i>The bulk carrier register.</i>	The world's bulk carrier ships. Annual. Alphabetical list giving principal particulars of each ship. Also some statistical summaries by ship size, owner, builder, etc. No illustrations or photographs.	1969, 1971, 1973, 1975 – 1976, 1978 – 1982, 1983, 1985 – 1986, 1988, 1990, 1994, 1997, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013.
Clarkson Research Services Ltd. <i>The chemical tanker register.</i>	The world's chemical tanker ships. Annual. Alphabetical list giving principal particulars of each ship. Also some statistical summaries by ship size, owner, builder, etc. No illustrations or photographs.	1995, 1997, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013.
Clarkson Research Services Ltd. <i>The containership register.</i>	The world's containerships. Annual. Alphabetical list giving principal particulars of each ship. Also some statistical summaries by ship size, owner, builder, etc. No illustrations or photographs.	1995, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013.
Clarkson Research Services Ltd. <i>The liquid gas carrier register.</i> Continues as <i>The gas carrier register.</i>	The world's LNG (liquid natural gas) & LPG (liquid petroleum gas) tankers. Annual. Alphabetical list giving principal particulars of each ship. Also some statistical summaries by ship size, owner, builder, etc. No illustrations or photographs.	LGCR: 1967 – 1969, 1971 – 1974, 1976, 1978 – 1980, 1982 – 1983, 1990, 1992, 1997, 2001. GCR: 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013.
Clarkson Research Services Ltd. <i>The multi-purpose vessel register.</i>	The world's multi-purpose cargo vessels. Annual. Alphabetical list giving principal particulars of each ship. Also some statistical summaries by ship size,	1997.

	owner, builder, etc. No illustrations or photographs. Multi-purpose vessels now included in Containership Register.	
Clarkson Research Services Ltd. <i>The offshore drilling register: a directory of mobile sea-going rigs.</i>	The world's larger offshore drilling and rigs vessels. Annual. Alphabetical list giving principal particulars of each ship. Also some statistical summaries by ship size, owner, builder, etc. No illustrations or photographs.	1976, 1978 – 1980, 1982 – 1983.
Clarkson Research Services Ltd. <i>The offshore service vessel register.</i> Continues as: <i>The offshore vessels register.</i>	The world's offshore service vessels. Annual. Alphabetical list giving principal particulars of each ship. Also some statistical summaries by ship size, owner, builder, etc. No illustrations or photographs.	OSVR 1977, 1980, 1983 – 1984, 1987, 1990, 1994, 1997, 1997, 2001, 2004, 2007, OVR 2013.
Clarkson Research Services Ltd. <i>The reefer register.</i>	The world's refrigerated cargo ships. Annual. Alphabetical list giving principal particulars of each ship. Also some statistical summaries by ship size, owner, builder, etc. No illustrations or photographs.	1995, 1997 – 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2013.
Clarkson Research Services Ltd. <i>The tanker register.</i>	The world's tanker ships. Annual. Alphabetical list giving principal particulars of each ship. Also some statistical summaries by ship size, owner, builder, etc. No illustrations or photographs.	1960, 1963, 1966 - 1967, 1969 – 1973, 1976, 1978 – 1980, 1982 – 1983, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1995, 1997, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013.
<i>Combat fleets of the world: their ships, aircraft, and armament.</i> 1976/77. Continues 1993 as: <i>The Naval Institute's guide to ...: their ships, aircraft, and Armament.</i> See also <i>Flottes de Combat</i> , French language edition	The world's naval vessels and warships, naval aircraft, and weapons. Ship details with photographs.	CFW 1976/77, NIGCFW 1993.
<i>Containership International Year Book.</i> By Containerisation International, UK.	The world's containerships, companies and their products, services, and facilities. Brief summary of the year's events.	1975, 1980, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1998.
<i>Container Ship Register: with survey of container ship operators and container ship owners.</i> By A. S. Shipping Consultants, Norway.	The world's containerships, operators, and owners. Lists principal particulars of each vessel. No illustrations or statistics.	1969/70, 1971, 1972/73.
<i>Directory of marine diesel engines.</i> By Marine Engineers Review,	The world's marine diesel engines by country and company. Lists principal	Ca.1980-ca.2000 tbc [shelved with

published by IMarE/IMarEST.	particulars of each vessel. No illustrations or statistics.	Periodicals "Marine Engineers Review"].
<i>Dictionary of Tyne sailing ships: a record of merchant sailing ships owned, registered and built in the Port of Tyne from 1830 to 1930. & Supplement No. 1</i> Richard E. Keys, self-published, 1998.	A substantial (858 p), detailed, and authoritative directory with several indexes in alphabetical order by ship names.	1998.
<i>Directory of shipowners, shipbuilders & marine engineers.</i> Shipbuilding and Shipping Record (editor). Tothill Press, London, UK.	Comprehensive directory of organisations, companies, fleets, products, and services. No illustrations.	48 th yr=1950, 1957, 1967, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1990.
<i>European shipping and shipbuilding yearbook.</i> Verlag Rolf J. Meyer, Germany.	Director of organisations, companies, fleets, products and services. No illustrations.	1976.
<i>The Fairplay guide to ro-ro shipping.</i> Fairplay Publications, UK.	Companies, fleets. No illustrations.	1980.
<i>Fairplay marine computing guide: a comprehensive international directory of computing software, systems and services for the marine industry.</i> Fairplay Publications, UK.	Companies, products, and services.	1996.
<i>Fairplay standard ship designs. Dry cargo vessels 499grt-9500grt. 9500grt-25000grt.</i> Fairplay Publications, UK.	Principal particulars and profile plan of each design.	2 nd ed = 1980 v1 v2.
<i>Fairplay world ports directory.</i> Continues as: <i>Fairplay ports guide.</i>	Comprehensive directory. Port information, port plans, atlas, distance tables, etc. Illustrations.	1981-82, 1996, 2001-2002.
<i>Fairplay world shipping year book.</i> Continues as: <i>Fairplay world shipping directory.</i> Fairplay Publications, UK.	Comprehensive directory of companies, products, services, finances, and fleets. Some statistics. No illustrations.	1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1986, 1988, 1991-1992, 1996-1997.
<i>Fighting ships / Flottes de combat.</i> Editions Maritime, France. French language edition. See also: <i>Combat fleets of the world</i> , English language edition.	Comprehensive directory of world naval vessels and warships with principal particulars and photo of each vessel. Also a few ship general arrangement plans.	1986, 1988.
<i>The Financial Times world shipping year book.</i> The Financial Times, UK.	Directory of world shipping companies including shipowning, shipbuilding, shiprepairing, marine enginebuilding, towage &	1977.

	salvage, marine insurance and P&I clubs, dredging & port construction. Includes brief financial summary of each company.	
<i>Fishing News directory and equipment guide.</i> Arthur J. Heighway Publications, London, UK.	Companies, products, services and fleets. No illustrations.	1964, 1974.
<i>Guide.</i>	Review and directory of ferries, cruise vessels, ro-ro vessels. Scandinavian emphasis. Fleet lists with small photos of some ships.	1991, 1992.
<i>Guide to port entry: port information. port plans and mooring places.</i> Shipping Guides Ltd, UK.	Authoritative and comprehensive directory of world ports, products, and services. Illustrations and plans of each port.	1979-80 v1 v2.
<i>Hans Gade's loading places for oil tankers in the world.</i> Hans Gade's Nautical Publishing, Denmark. English language edition.	Directory of world tanker ports, products, and services. Illustrations and plans of each port.	3 rd ed= 1953,
International Cargo Handling Co-ordination Association (ICHCA). UK. <i>The buyer's guide to manufacturers.</i> Also: <i>Who's who in cargo handling.</i>	World directory of cargo handling equipment, companies, ports, containership organisations, companies, products & services, but not fleets. No illustrations.	1994, 1994/95.
<i>International shipping & shipbuilding directory.</i> Shipping World & Shipbuilder / Benn Brother Publications, London, UK.	Authoritative and comprehensive directory of world industry, organisations, companies, products, and services, and fleets. No illustrations.	79 th ed=1967, 1973, 1978.
<i>Kelly's business directory.</i> UK.	A comprehensive and leading UK-based directory of companies, products, and services. No illustrations.	1987.
<i>Janes Fighting Ships.</i> Janes, UK.	The most authoritative and comprehensive guide to world's warships and naval vessels. Includes principal particulars of each vessel and illustrations.	1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1920, 1923, 1936, 1942, 1944-45, 1964-65, 1967-68, 1973-74, 1986-87, 1992-93.
<i>Janes Freight Containers.</i> Janes, UK.	Comprehensive directory of world's cargo freight containers, ports, products & services. Includes many photos & illustrations.	1968-69, 1974-75.
<i>Janes surface skimmers.</i> Continues as <i>Janes High speed marine craft & air</i>	The most authoritative and comprehensive guide hovercraft, planing craft, etc. Includes principal particulars	1971-72, 1974-75, 1975-75, 1976-77, 19982, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1997-98.

<i>cushion vehicles</i> . Janes, UK.	of each vessel and illustrations.	
<i>Janes merchant ships</i> . Janes, UK.	A directory of merchant ships. Includes principal particulars of each vessel and small profiles or photos.	1997-98.
<i>Japanese internal combustion engines for marine use</i> . The Marine Internal-Combustion Engine Manufacturers' Association of Japan, & Ships Bureau, Ministry of Transportation, Japanese Government. [English language edition].	Directory of Japanese-built marine engines. A collection of trade brochures from companies giving principal particulars and photo or profile of engines.	1955.
<i>The Liberty ships: the history of the Emergency type cargo ships constructed in the United States during World War II</i> . L.A. Sawyer & W.H. Mitchell. David & Charles, UK.	Brief history of each vessel with fleet lists for each shipbuilder. Including a few photos and ship general arrangements. A history rather than a directory. Probably a one-off publication.	1970.
<i>Lloyd's directory of tugs and supply vessels</i> . Lloyd's Register of Ships, UK.	Directory giving brief principal particulars of each vessel. No illustrations or statistics.	Est 1977.
<i>Lloyd's maritime directory</i> . LLP Ltd, UK. Continues as <i>Lloyd's marine equipment buyers' guide</i> .	Comprehensive world directory of organisations, companies, products & services, fleets. No illustrations.	1982, 1989, 1995, 1997 v1 v2, 1997/9 (but not fleets).
<i>Marine Canada: a directory of Canadian shipbuilders, marine products and services</i> . Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Canada.	Contains some photos.	2 nd ed=1976.
Marine Export Partnership, UK. <i>Directory of British marine companies and products</i> .	UK directory of organisations, companies, products and services but no fleets. No illustration.	2003-2004.
<i>Merchant ships</i> . E.C. Talbot-Booth. The Journal of Commerce and Shipping Telegraph, UK.	Directory of merchant ships including a few basic particulars of each ship with a small scale profile.	1959, 1963.
<i>Merchant ships: British built <year>: an illustrated register of ships completed in Gt Britain and N. Ireland</i> . Continues as: ... : <i>vessels of 300 tons gross and over</i> . Colin Stewart & A.C. Hardy. Adlard Coles Ltd, UK.	Principal particulars and photo of some vessels. A few ship general arrangement plans in earlier vols. Statistical summary in early vols.	V1=1954, vII=1953, vIII=1955, vIV=1956, vV=1957, vVI=1958, vVII=1959, vVIII=1960, vIX=1961, vX=1962, vXI=1963, vXII=1964, vXIII=1964, vXIVV=1967, vXVI=1968,

		vXVII=1969, vXVIII=1970.
<i>Merchant ships newbuildings</i> . D.T. Hornsby (ed). Marinart/Kogan Page, UK.	Directory contains a few principal particulars of each ship built in this year. No illustrations or statistics.	1976.
<i>The Motor Ship Directory</i> . Reeds Business Publishing, UK.	Comprehensive directory of organisations, companies, products and services, fleets. No illustrations or statistics.	1996.
<i>The naval annual</i> . T.A. Brassey (ed). J. Griffin & Co, UK. Continues as <i>Brassey's naval annual</i> . Continues as: <i>Brassey's annual: the armed forces year book</i> .	Comprehensive annual review and directory of world naval vessels and events. Some photos and statistics. Content varies considerably over the years, including articles and fleet lists.	NA 30 th ed=1899, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, BNA 60 th ed=1949, BA 76 th ed=1965.
<i>Norwegian shipbuilding: an illustrated propaganda publication</i> . Arne Lidemark (editor). Smiths Publishing Office, Oslo, Norway. [English language edition].	Directory of Norwegian companies and vessels. A few photos of vessels.	Est 1955.
<i>Official guide for shippers and travellers to the principal ports of the world</i> . By Osaka Shosen Kaisha (Osaka Mercantile Steamships Company). M Franklin Kline (editor).	Comprehensive guide for passengers. Many adverts & illustrations.	10 th ed=1923-24.
<i>Offshore supply and boat vessels worldwide</i> . By Offerspace, UK.	Pocket book directory of vessels and companies. No illustrations or statistics.	1981.
<i>OPL anchor handling tugs and supply vessels of the world</i> . OPL (Oilfield Publications Ltd), UK.	Details of vessels, owners, managers, etc. No illustrations or statistics.	1995/6.
<i>Ports of the world</i> . Shipping World & Shipbuilder, Benn Brothers Ltd, UK. Continues as <i>Lloyd's ports of the world</i> .	Comprehensive world directory of port facilities listing particulars of each. No illustrations or plans ports but includes atlas of ports and other information.	PW 20 th ed=1966, LPW 1989, 1996.
<i>Reed's tug world review</i> . In association with <i>ITS Report</i> . Thomas Reed Publications, UK. [ITS = International Tug & Salvage].	Contains reviews together with ca30 example tugs with principal particulars and ship general arrangement plans.	8 th ed=1996-1997.
<i>RINA. Rapid marine transport systems UK equipment and services buyers guide</i> . RINA (Royal Institution of Naval Architects), London.	Companies, products, and services for the high speed marine craft industry.	1998.

<i>Register of heavy load vessels.</i> Terminal Operators Ltd, UK.	World's heavy lift vessels. Includes principal particulars of each vessel together with some photos and general arrangement plans.	1979.
<i>Schiffsliste: Verzeichis der Deutschen Reedereien und ihrer Schiffe uber 100 BRT.</i> [German language edition].	Directory of German shipping companies and their merchant fleets.	1966.
<i>Sell's directory of British Industry and Commerce.</i> Sell's Business Publications, UK.	A comprehensive directory of companies, products & services.	1971.
<i>Sell's marine market international.</i> Benn Business Information Services, UK. Continues as <i>Sell's marine industry buyer's guide.</i>	Boats and yachts: companies, products & services.	SMMI 15 th ed=1993, SMIBG 18 th ed=1996.
<i>The Shipbuilders' register: Register of shipbuilders & repairers. Guide to services, facilities & structural activities. Reviews of building and repair markets in Europe, the Americas and Singapore. Propulsion/marine coatings/ Ro-ro ferry safety.</i> Ocean Press Ltd, London, UK.	Directory as the title suggests.	1992/93, 1996/97.
<i>Shipbuilding and marine engineering in Japan.</i> Shipbuilders' Association of Japan & Japan Ship Exporters' Association. [English language edition].	Directory of Japanese ships, yards, works, products & services, ships. Some photos & ship general arrangement plans of ships built in the year.	1956, 1961, 1965, 1966, 1970, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1985, 1991, 1993, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2009.
<i>Ship-machinery.</i> The Ship-Machinery Manufacturers' Association of Japan.	Directory of Japanese companies, products and services. Some photos and technical specifications of machinery including engines. No statistics.	1962.
<i>ShipRepair & Conversion 99, Olympia Exhibition Catalogue.</i> Lloyd's List, UK.	Trade directory for the exhibition.	1999.
<i>The Stock Exchange official year-book.</i> London, UK	A comprehensive leading UK-based financial directory of companies. No illustrations.	1960 v2 commercial & industrial.
<i>ShipStats. Register of offshore supply vessels.</i>	Directory of ships listing principal particulars. No illustrations or statistics.	1974-1976.

<i>Shipwreck index of British Isles and Ireland.</i> Richard & Bridget Larn. Lloyd's Register-Fairplay Ltd, UK.	Comprehensive directory of ships, causes of wrecking. No illustrations or statistics.	1997 v Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Sussex, Kent, Thames; v Isle of Scily, Cornwall, Devon, Dorest; Index to vols 1-2; Shipwreck Index of Ireland Index to vls 1-6. [& others tbc].
<i>SBBNF handbook.</i> The Ship and Boat Builders National Federation, UK.	Directory of member companies with facilities.	1985.
<i>SSA membership guide.</i> Shipbuilders & Shiprepairers Association, UK.	Directory of member companies and facilities.	Est 1980?
<i>Stubbs' directory: manufactures, merchant shippers and professional.</i> London, UK.	A comprehensive leading UK-based directory of companies, products, and services.	1920 British & foreign, 1970.
<i>Soviet merchant ships 1945-1968.</i> Laurence Dunn. Kenneth Mason Publications, UK.	Directory as per the title listing principal particulars & photos of each vessel.	1969
<i>Tanker directory of the world.</i> Terminus Publications.	Annual review and directory of tanker port/terminals facilities, shipowners, companies and ships.	1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965.
<i>Warships of World War II.</i> By H.T. Lenton. Ian Allan.	Pocket book directory listing names, principal particulars and photos of Royal Navy and British Empire warships.	1964.
<i>Westinform register of ro-ro vessels.</i> The Westinform Service, UK.	Directory of companies, fleets, ships listing principal particulars. No illustrations or statistics.	1977.
<i>World fishing guide.</i> World Fishing & John Trudell & Partners Ltd, UK.	Directory of companies, products & services. But not fleets. No illustrations or statistics.	1963.
<i>The World's Passenger Ships.</i> Colin F. Worker. Ian Allan.	Directory of ships listing principal particulars and photo of each ship. No statistics.	1967.
<i>Zosen yearbook: complete reference on shipbuilding and related industries in Japan.</i> Tokyo News Service, Japan. [English language edition].	A leading Japanese directory. Includes review, shipbuilders, ship machinery, ship brokers & traders.	1971-72, 1972-73, 7 th ed=1974-75, 1975-1976.

Trade Directories: Examples

See also our Collection's separate list for **Trade Directories: Examples**.

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