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Palaeolithic

500,000 BC Hominids (early humans) living at Boxgrove, Sussex

500,000 BC - 8000 BC Mammoths and hippos living in Britain

Mesolithic

8000 BC Bouldnor Cliff, Isle of Wight: People living and working by a river. This site is now 12 metres under water.

7000 BC Sea levels rise and the Isle of Wight becomes and island

Neolithic

4606 BC & 1085 BC Two phases of activity at the River Test trackway, Hampshire

Early Bronze Age First evidence of coracle boats in England

Bronze Age

2000 BC 'Sea Henge' built off the coast of Norfolk

1300 BC The Dover Boat, Kent, provides evidence of trade with the continent

500 BC Iron Age jetty built at Poole Harbour, Dorset

Iron Age

43 AD Roman conquest of Britain

55 BC Roman invasion by sea at Kent under Julius Caesar

1st Century

100 AD Romans build Fishbourne Palace near Chichester, Sussex

2nd Century

3rd Century

275 AD Portchester, Hampshire Saxon shore fort built to defend against German raiders

310 - 320 AD Nydam Saxon boat - may have been used in Saxon raids on Britain

4th Century

407 AD Final evacuation of Romans from Britain

5th Century

Mid-400s AD Angels from Northern Germany and Southern Denmark settle in NE England

6th Century

500 AD Saxon longboat at Langstone Harbour, Hampshire

7th Century

625 AD King Raedwald buried in his boat at Sutton Hoo

8th Century

787 AD Danish (Viking) pirates invade Dorset. Viking raids on Britain begin

9th Century

878 AD Alfred the Great leads successful defence against Viking invasion

10th Century

11th Century

1025 AD Serçe Limani, a Byzantine merchant ship, wrecked off Turkey

1066 AD Battle of Hastings - the Norman conquest begins

12th Century

1120 AD La Blanche-Nef (the White Ship) sinks near Normandy, leading to civil war in England

1281 AD Thousands of Mongolian and Japanese ships lost between Korea and Japan in great storm

13th Century

1338 AD The French attack Poole, Southampton, Portsmouth and Yarmouth

1348 AD The Black Death arrives on a merchant ship through Weymouth, Dorset

14th Century

1439 AD The Grace Dieu, one of Henry V's Great Ships, struck by lightning

15th Century

1492 AD Christopher Columbus arrives in America

16th Century

1545 AD The Mary Rose, Henry VIII's flagship, sinks in the Solent

1588 AD The Spanish Armada fails to invade England

17th Century

1787 AD First convict fleet to Australia leaves Portsmouth, Hampshire

18th Century

1805 AD Nelson sets sail from Portsmouth, Hampshire and wins the Battle of Trafalgar

19th Century

1912 AD Titanic sets sail from Southampton but sinks before reaching New York

20th Century

1914 - 1918 AD First World War

1939 - 1945 AD Second World War

21st Century

1946 AD SCUBA diving equipment invented

2004 AD Queen Mary II sets sail on her maiden voyage from Southampton

Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age)	700,000 - 8500 BC	Bronze Age	2400 - 700 BC	Saxon Age (Vikings & Anglo Saxons)	410 - 1066 AD	Industrial Age (Georgians & Victorians)	1701 - 1901 AD
Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age)	8500 - 4000 BC	Iron Age	700 BC - 43 AD	Medieval Age (Normans & Tudors)	1066 - 1603 AD	The Modern Age (World Wars & the Space Race)	1901 - NOW
Neolithic (New Stone Age)	4000 - 2400 BC	Roman Age	43 - 410 AD	Post-Medieval Age (Stuarts)	1603 - 1701 AD		

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