



S.S. Klondike  
National Historic Site

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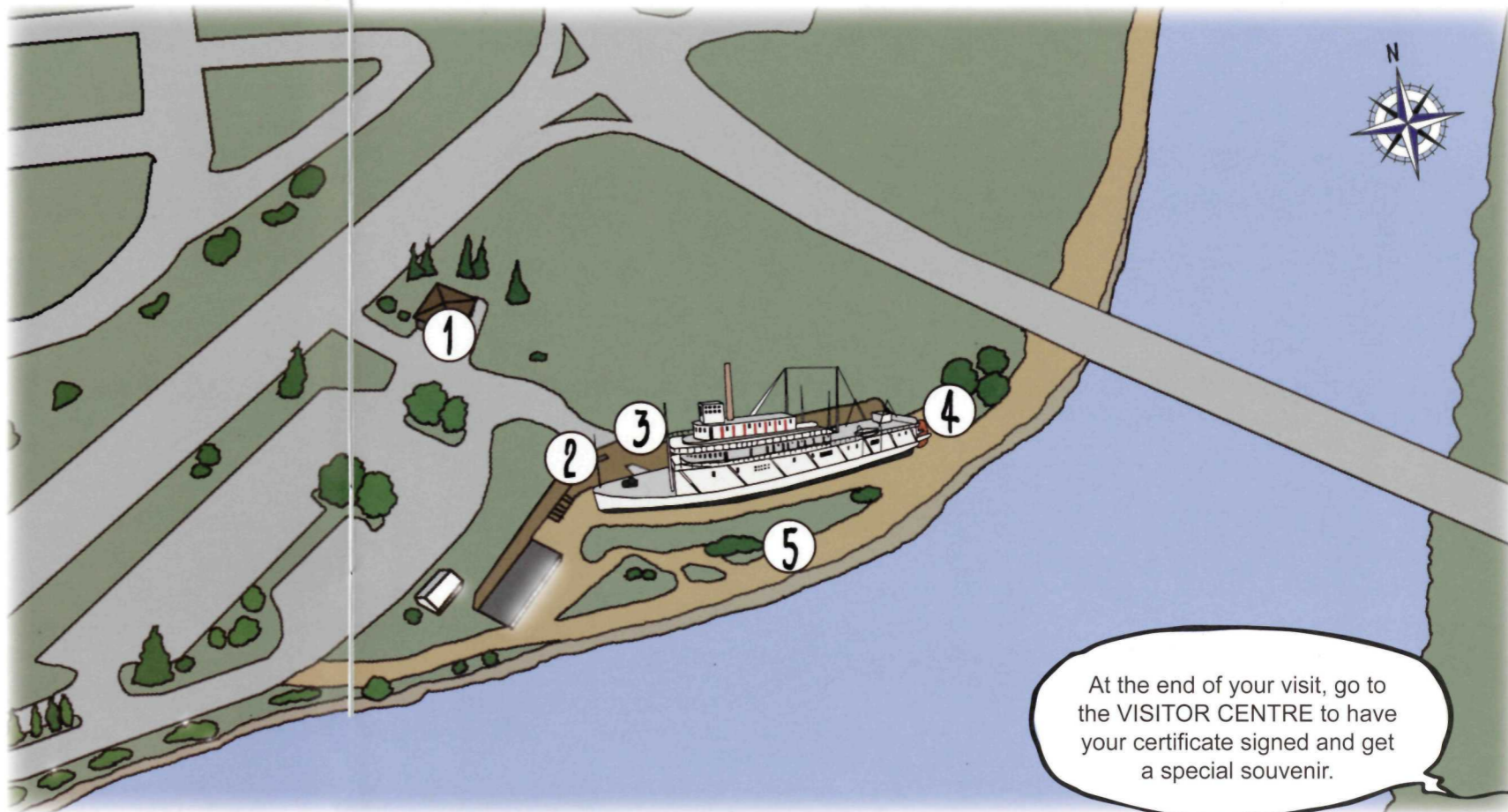
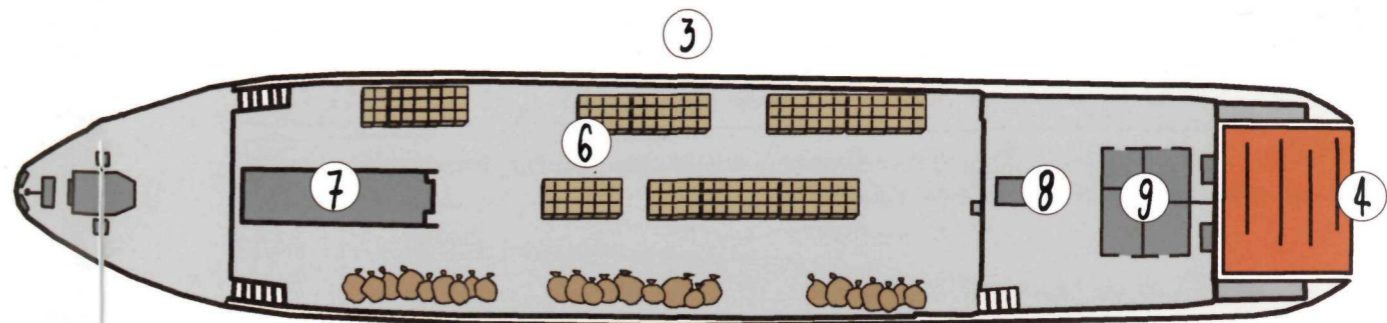
# WELCOME!

## to S.S. KLONDIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Welcome aboard S.S. Klondike, the largest ship in the British Yukon Navigation Company fleet! This ship carried people, food, mail and supplies along the mighty Yukon River before roads existed here.

You'll see the numbers below on the activity pages in your booklet. Find them on these pages to see where to go. Happy Xploring!

- ① Visitor Centre
- ② Red Chairs
- ③ Wharf
- ④ Paddlewheel
- ⑤ Millennium Trail
- ⑥ Boiler
- ⑦ Cargo Hold
- ⑧ Engine Room
- ⑨ Crew's quarters



At the end of your visit, go to the VISITOR CENTRE to have your certificate signed and get a special souvenir.

# GO MEET



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on the map

## DECKHANDS WANTED

Work as a crewmember aboard the sternwheeler Klondike, travelling between Whitehorse and Dawson City on the majestic Yukon River.



I \_\_\_\_\_  
(write your name)

Agree to work for the British Yukon Navigation Company, a division of the White Pass & Yukon Route railway. I will work an entire season (5 months) from the waterway's break up to freeze up.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_





# SEARCH FOR

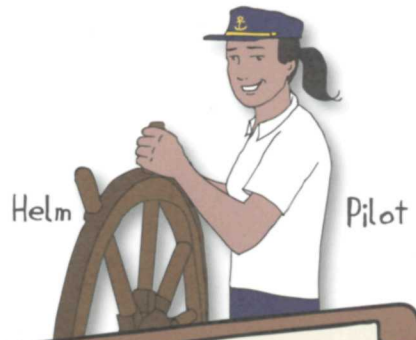
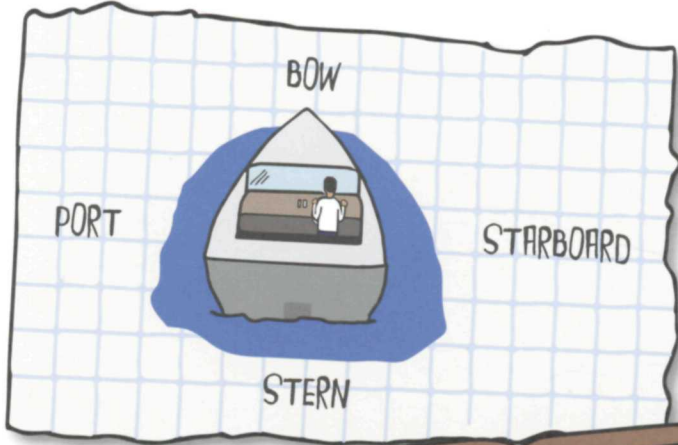


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## WORDS TO KNOW

A good crew member knows their way around a ship.

Which is which?  
PORT = LEFT – both have  
four letters and go together.  
STARBOARD = RIGHT



Look for these items and  when you find them.

### BOW

Jack staff

Royal Mail pennant flagpole

Boiler

Produces steam to power engines

Stokehold

Room in front of the boiler where firemen worked

Gauges

Measure steam pressure in boiler

### STERN

Paddlewheel

Moves the boat by pushing water

Rudder

Steers the boat

### STARBOARD

Cord of wood

4'x4' pile of logs used to fuel boat

### PORT

Bags of ore

Canvas bags containing mined minerals

# TAKE A WALK



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on the map

## PACING OUT THE S.S. KLONDIKE

The S.S. Klondike was the biggest sternwheeler in the British Yukon Navigation Company fleet. As a deckhand, you must know every inch of it. Let's measure it!



**1** Using the ruler on the Visitor Centre verandah, measure the length of your pace:

\_\_\_\_\_ cm.

**2** Walk from the bow to the stern and count your paces:

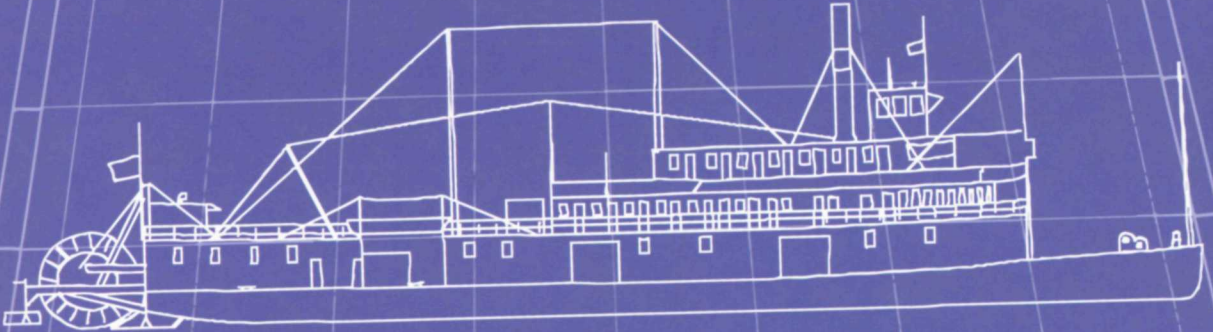
\_\_\_\_\_ paces.

**3**

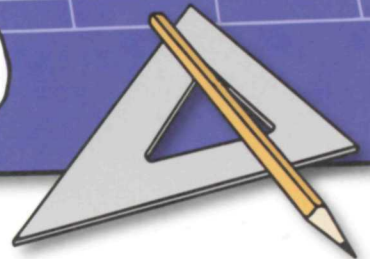
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\_\_\_\_\_ the length of SS Klondike!



With the paddlewheel, the ship is as long as 5 busses!



Answer: The SSK hull is 64 metres/210 feet long from bow to stern.  
73 metres/240 feet with the paddlewheel.

# CHECK IT OUT



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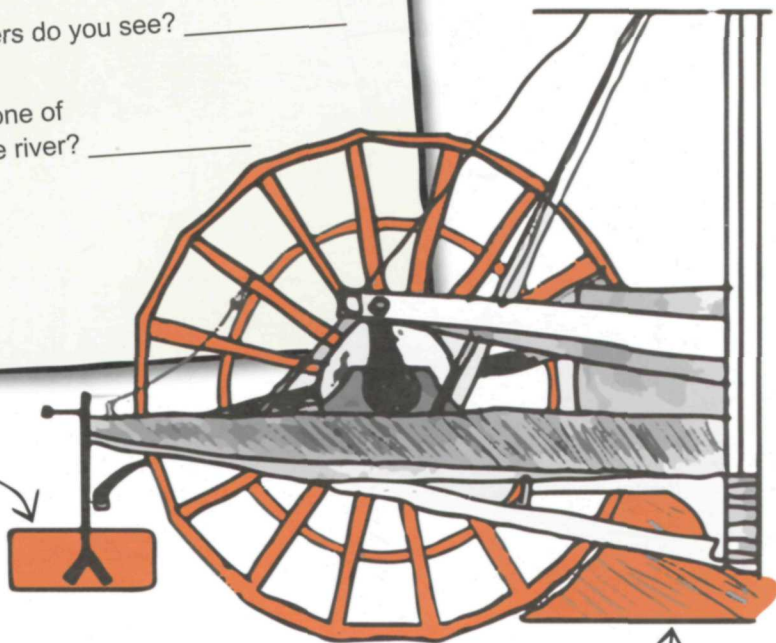
## MONKEY RUDDER'ING'

Keeping afloat on the Yukon River with your cargo and passengers safe takes skill. The river currents, shallow water, rocks, tight turns and rapids could damage or sink your ship. The Pilot used the main and monkey rudders to steer the boat from the Wheelhouse.

At the stern, look  
for the rudders.

- A- How many main rudders do you see? \_\_\_\_\_
- B- How many monkey rudders do you see? \_\_\_\_\_
- C- Would you want to pilot one of these big boats down the river? \_\_\_\_\_

**Monkey rudders**  
(gives more power to  
steer around danger)



**Main rudders**



# GO INVESTIGATE



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## S.S. MEANS STEAMSHIP

The S.S. Klondike has a steam engine. To keep the ship moving, firemen loaded lots of wood into the firebox.

Can you see the firebox door?



Yes



No

The wood burned and heated a big tank of water called the "boiler." The hot water turned to steam that went into the engine to power the ship.

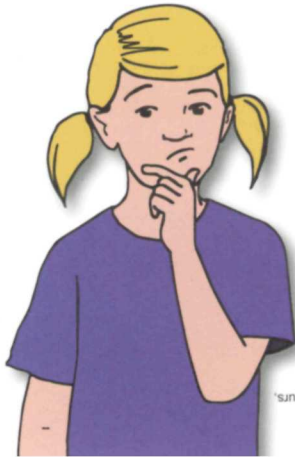


Find the wood trolley.

How long do you think it takes this "cord" of wood to burn in the firebox?

Travelling downstream  
\_\_\_\_\_

Travelling upstream  
\_\_\_\_\_



Answer: A-1.5 hours, B-0.5 hours

Upstream Downstream



The river starts from the mountain (upstream) and flows into the valley (downstream).

Take a guess or ask our staff for help.

# CHECK IT OUT



## SHIP, SHIP, SHIPPING ON THE YUKON

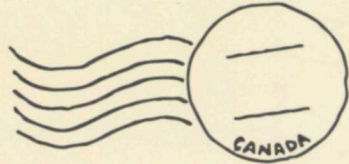
Before roads were here, the S.S. Klondike delivered food, mail and supplies to people who lived on the Yukon River. Explore the freight deck to find 5 types of cargo shipped to Dawson City.

After a long winter, what 3 things would you be most excited to get from the first boat in spring?

1.

2.

3.



Did you see KLIM on any boxes? Read it backwards, what does it spell?

\_\_\_\_\_



# GO INVESTIGATE



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## ENGINE POWER

The engine room is filled with equipment that makes the ship move on water. Look at the labels to see what each part is called and what it does.

Water Pump

Steam Servo Motor

Johnson Arm

DC Generator

Throttle

Linseed Oil Filter

Circulating Pump

Boiler Feed Pump

YOUR FAVOURITE ENGINE PART'S NAME:

WHAT DOES IT DO?

# IMAGINE

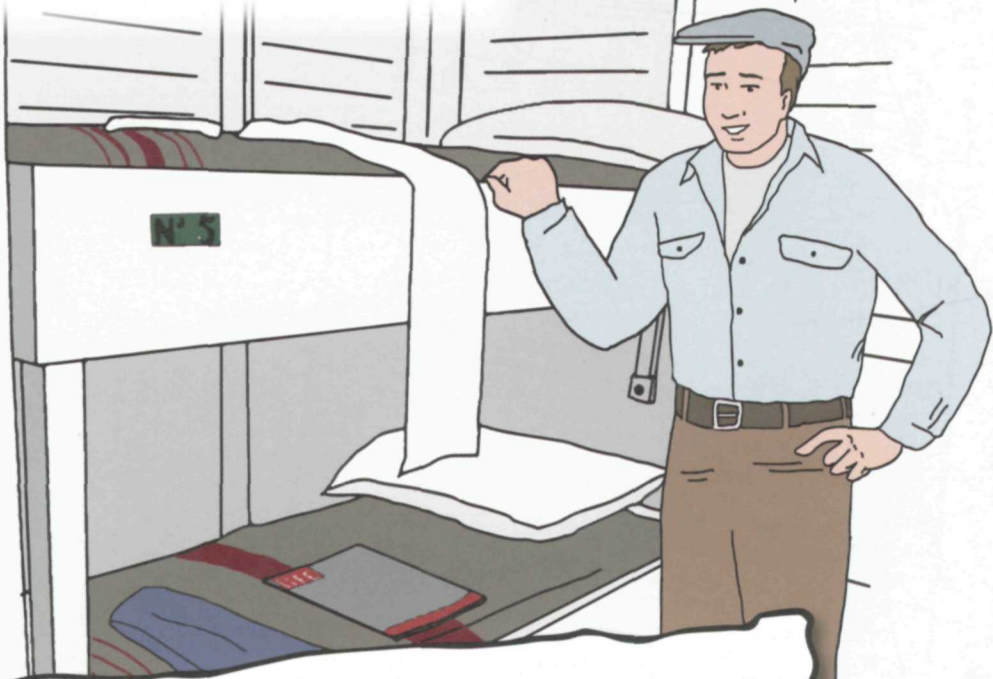


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## CRAMPED QUARTERS

Deckhands and firemen slept here next to the engine room to keep the fires going and the ship moving.

Could you imagine trying to sleep beside that hot, noisy and smelly room?



Write or draw what you would miss most during your 5 months working on the boat?



# GO PLAY



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on the map

## ONE LAST QWHAT?

When deckhands had free time, they played Quoits, an old ring-toss game. Challenge your family to play individually or in teams at the Visitor Centre.

### THE RULES

Each player or team tosses all their rings, then the next player takes a turn.

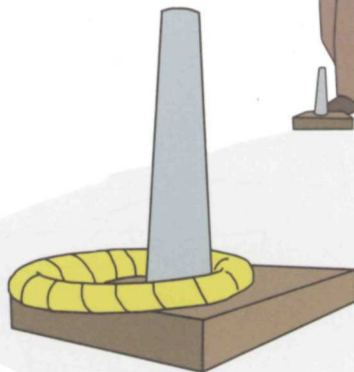
Players toss their quoits from one board to the other. If you're playing in teams, players toss diagonally from one board to the other. First to have 21 points wins!

### HOW TO SCORE

- 3 points when you get a "ringer" (ring lands on the post)
- If your opponent gets a ringer on top of yours they get 3 points.
- A "leaner" gets 1 point (the ring is leaning against the post)
- If there are no ringers or leaners, the player whose ring is closest to the post gets 1 point.
- If a ring bounces off or lands on the ground, it is a "dead quoit" and is out of the game.

As long as part of the quoit is on the board, it is not "dead".

Try it out!



WHO WON?

WHAT WAS THE SCORE?

# CAN YOU HELP US OUT ???

Way to go Xplorer! Now be an Xplorer Xtraordinaire by giving this page with your comments to a Parks Canada employee...

...and don't forget to ask for your special souvenir!

I am an **XPLORER XTRAORDINAIRE** and I will respect nature and be curious about history.

1- I thought this booklet was: (Circle your answer.)



SUPER FUN



KINDA FUN



BORING

2- My three favourite activities were on pages \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

3- I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

4- Three words to describe my Xplorers day:

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# MY FAVOURITE THINGS

What I liked the most during my visit:  
(Write or draw it here.)



During my visit, my favourite place was:





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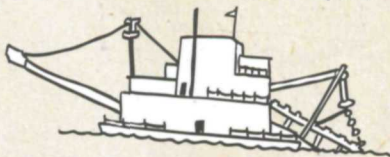
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