Rove the Cove Boat Guide

The East River is an active waterway, used by all kinds of boats. See how many you can spot.

**BARGE**
Barges are large flat-bottom boats sometimes without a motor. They require tug boats/towboats to move them. Their primary purpose is to move heavy goods such as sand, waste, or recycling materials through rivers and canals.

**CARGO SHIP**
These ships are massive, some as long as 3 Statue of Liberties in length. They carry cargo from long distances and are vital to trade. Look for multi-colored containers stacked high and wide on the deck of these ships.

**SAILBOAT**
Sailboats are mostly powered by wind. When they are in narrow waterways like the East River, they will often use a small motor.

**BULK CARRIER SHIPS**
These ships move products that cannot fit into containers, such as sheets of metal and large machines. Look for the cranes on their decks that load and unload cargo.

**SHARK BOAT**
Shark boats are small motorized boats used for boat tours and for recreational purposes. As water quality improves, more residents are heading to the East River for fun. You might hear these boats before you see them.

**WATER TAXI**
New York Water Taxi is a commuter and sightseeing service mainly to points along the East River and Hudson River. Look for the bright yellow and black to spot this boat.

**FERRY**
Ferries shuttle people over short distances. As New York waterfronts become more vibrant, people are rediscovering ferries as a fast and easy way to commute. Look for the small white and blue boats landing frequently at docks.

**TUG BOAT**
Tug boats are small but powerful. They can push or pull much larger vessels, getting them through narrow waterways.