Working on a Ketch Secondary

Ketches were very important in early South Australia. They delivered wheat, wool, live stock and other cargo around Australia's coastline until the 1980s. The crew consisted of a captain and one or 2 young deck hands.



Find out:

Why are ketches often referred to	
as 'semi-trailers' of the sea?	
What was the Mosquito Fleet?	
How big was the crew on a typical	
ketch?	
Hop onboard the Active II and	
imagine living onboard. Describe	
the living conditions.	
What kind of work would a crew	
member of Active 11 need to do?	
What skills and experiences would	
you need to work on a ketch?	
Why were ketches so important in	
early South Australia?	
Why are ketches no longer used?	