

Sail mortar vessels

VESUVE class (launched 1825-28)

BOMBE class (launched 1855)

VESUVE class sail mortar vessels

Displacement:	560t
Dimensions:	108ft 3in deck x 27ft 11in mld x 12ft 1in mean
Same, meters:	<u>33.00 x 8.50 x 3.68m</u>
Armament:	2-32cm mortars, 8-6p
Complement:	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Launched</u>	<u>Fate</u>
VESUVE	Bayonne	28.7.25	Stk. 1840
HECLA	Bayonne	22.5.26	Stk. 30.8.50
VOLCAN	Bayonne	22.5.26	Stk. 1850
DORE	Bayonne	15.4.28	Stk. 1851
FINISTERE	Bayonne	15.4.28	Stk. 1838
CYCLOPE	Toulon	19.4.28	Stk. 10.8.74
VULCAIN	Toulon	10.5.28	Stk. 15.7.51
ACHERON	Toulon	15.5.28	Stk. 1846

This class was designed by Marestier, who practically duplicated his plans for a 300t capacity gabare (transport) of 1817, Bayonnais. Bayonnais and her sister Garonne also were fitted to carry mortars, but were never classified as mortar vessels. The Vésuve class ships served as 300t gabares for most of their careers. Achéron was renamed Eclair in 1835.

BOMBE class mortar vessels

Displacement:	?
Dimensions:	76ft 9in wl x 20ft 0in mld x 6ft 7in mean and max

Same, meters:	<u>23.40 x 6.10 x 2.00m</u>
Armament:	2-32cm mortars
Complement:	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Launched</u>	<u>Fate</u>
BOMBE	Lorient	18.4.55	Stk. 21.10.59
FOURNAISE	Lorient	1855	Stk. 29.6.58
TOCSIN	Lorient	3.4.55	Stk. 29.8.57
TORCHE	Lorient	1855	Stk. 29.6.58
TROMBE	Lorient	5.5.55	Stk. 29.8.57

These ships was designed by Pastoureau for Crimean War service. They were designed to be towed into action by gunboats. Bombe became Bugalet No.2 in 1866 and Fort in 1882 as a service craft. The last four became water barges after being stricken.