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Shipping			
MarineTraffic	Free "live map" for basic tracking information. Subscription necessary for more detail, including past route tracking. Helps journalists in exchange for credit to MarineTraffic. For maritime data: press@marinetraffic.com For commodity & energy data: media@kpler.com	https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/home/centerx:20.2/centery:37.2/zoom:7	MarineTracking says it is the largest publicly available vessel tracking service in the world.
Fleet Mon	Basic access level free with registration, but charges for more sophisticated access. Will help investigative journalists. Will give special prices for the projects depending on the project and what type of data is needed. Provides a discount for research if FleetMon is mentioned as source.	https://www.fleetmon.com	Vessel position tracking, plus a global vessel and port database.
Vessel Tracker	Free tracking of ships. Other services by subscription. E-mail. info@vesseltracker.com	http://www.vesseltracker.com/app	Vesseltracker.com is a leading provider of global vessel movements and maritime information services.
exactEarth Shipview	Subscription service. Discounts have been given to some nongovernmental organizations. Images provided for credit.	https://shipview.exactearth.com/	Information near real-time. Focuses on a vessel's behaviour. Good coverage of polar regions. Good analysis tools and automatic alerts.
Marine Vessel Tracker	Free and subscription.	https://www.marinevesseltraffic.com/	Multiple features include trackers for military vessels and ships hit by coronavirus.
IHS AISLive	Subscription, but helps reporters on a case by case basis.	https://ihsmarkit.com/industry/maritime.html	Sea-web offers 600+ data fields on 200,000+ ships of 100 GT and above, while AISLive provides terrestrial and satellite ship movement intelligence.
Lloyds List Intelligence Seasearcher	Subscriptions for site licenses. Will consider media discounts. Will contract to search data for specific information. Contact Anthony Maniscalco: Anthony.Maniscalco@informa.com	https://maritimeintelligence.informa.com/products-and-services/lloyds-list-intelligence	Unusual because of databases and information from Lloyds shipping agents. Detailed vessel information, includng about the "beneficial owners," the real owners behind shell subsidiaries. Can link to other vessels owned or managed by same company. Many searches possible.
Vessel Finder	Free, but also paid services.	https://www.vesselfinder.com/	VesselFinder provides information about current position of ships transmitted by AIS, their past track, technical specifications, port and ship photos, port calls, port traffic statistics, maritime news and other related information.
My Ship Tracking	Free. Use "Contact us."	https://www.myshiptracking.com/	Shows ship location, not path.
Datalastic	Subscription based (14 euros a month in 2023)	https://datalastic.com/	"Datalastic is an international global data API provider with one of the biggest maritime databases."
Ships at Sea	Free	http://www.sailwx.info/shiptrack/	Primarily uses data reported via the World Meteorological Organization's Voluntary Observing Ship (VOS) program to provide a snapshot of current weather conditions at sea, worldwide. This data can also be used to track the progress of ships at sea. Many ships do not report their weather observations to WMO, or report only sporadically; so these ships will not be in database.

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Windward	Will help journalists. Contact Elliot Gotkine. elliott@wnwd.com	www.wnwd.com	Not a tracking service, rather this Israel-based firm analyzes big data, including shipping data, to help marine insurers and government agencies understand and reduce maritime risks. This includes figuring out when ships deliberately turn off their tracking signals.
ThompsonReutersEikon	Proprietary, but will help journalists. Contact Brian Bertsch. brian.bertsch@thomsonreuters.com	https://financial.thomsonreuters.com/en/products/tools-applications/trading-investment-tools/eikon-trading-software.html	Database on shipping used by Reuters reporters who report on commodities and other subjects.
Ship Finder	Free element has 12 hour delay. Subscriptions for real-time.	http://www.shipfinder.com/	Chinese company based in Beijing.
Ceencoos	Free	https://www.cencoos.org/data/parameters/shiptracks	While mostly concerned with environmental data, this site track ships along the northwest coast of the US. Run by the Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System (CeNCOOS).
Equasis	Free (Registration required)	http://www.equasis.org/EquasisWeb/public/HomePage	Provides safety related information on ships and companies. Run by EU countries.
Maersk Line	Free	https://www.maerskline.com/routes/track-shipments	Tracking of Maersk ships.
Equasis	Free	http://www.equasis.org/EquasisWeb/public/HomePage?fs=HomePage	Equasis provides safety related information on ships and companies
Inmarst	Free	https://www.inmarsat.com/en/support-and-info/support/ships-directory.html	Search for ships fitted with Inmarsat tracking.
Tanker Trackers	Subscription costs $99/month or $999/year. May help nonprofit reporters if there's a good story to be told.	https://tankertrackers.com/	TankerTrackers.com is an independent online service that tracks and reports shipments of crude oil in several geographical and geopolitical points of interest.
Cruise Ships			
Cruisin	Free	http://www.cruisin.me/cruise-ship-tracker/	Tracking cruise ships. Registration required. Also forums and news.
Cruise Mapper	Free	https://www.cruisemapper.com/	Tracker, including breakdown by cruise line.
Ship Cruises	Free	https://www.shipcruises.org/	Tracker, including breakdown by cruise line.
Cruise Hive	Free	https://www.cruisehive.com/cruise-ship-tracker	Tracker and cruise news.
Yachts* Use shipping trackers listed above to find yachts			
SuperYachtFan	Subscription ($150)	https://www.superyachtfan.com/	Data on owners of largest 1,297 yachts. Also good links sections (free) See Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/SuperYachtFan/

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Superyacht.com	Free	https://www.superyachts.com/	Listings of yachts for sale.
Super Yacht Times	Free	https://www.superyachttimes.com/	Basic information about yachts. Extensive list of yachts owned by sancioned Russian oligarchs. Links to articles in Super Yacht Times that mention the yacht.
Following Sea	Free	https://followingsea.net/	Only shows boats that have registered.
Boat International	Free	https://www.boatinternational.com/yachts/the-superyacht-directory	Search yacht directory with over 12,000 megayachts listed. Affiliated with subscription-based "Boat Pro," https://www.boatinternational.com/boat-pro
Boat International	Free	https://www.boatinternational.com/yachts/the-register/top-200-largest-yachts--25027	A guide to the 200 largest superyachts in the world.
Yacht Harbor	Free search, but more with subscription	https://yachtharbour.com/yachts	Informationon 5,980 yachts.
Yachtspotter.com	Free	https://www.yachtspotter.com/	Twitter posts by members of this "community of yacht enthusiasts." Seems to be moribund as of 2021.

Related Sources

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International Maritime Organization, Global Integrated Shipping Information System	Free (Registration required)	https://gisis.imo.org/Public/Default.aspx	This searchable research tool, from the International Maritime Organization, has information about ship registration, ports, maritime security, pollution incidents and piracy.
World Shipping Register	Free and by subscription, 1 euro per day	http://eships.net/	100,000 listings. Good search options, such as types of ships by country.
Piracy & Armed Robbery Map from the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre	Free	https://www.icc-ccs.org/piracy-reporting-centre/live-piracy-map	This live map shows all piracy and armed robbery incidents reported to IMB Piracy Reporting Centre during 2022.
Maritime Database.com	Free	http://www.maritime-database.com	A database of ports, with facts, maps and satellite views. A project of Marinet Ltd. Basd in Greece.
OpenSeaMap	Free (Registration required)	http://www.openseamap.org/index.php?id=openseamap&L=1	Mainly ocean maps, but much more.
My Ship	Free	http://myship.com/	Social and career webiste
Maritime Monster	Free	https://maritime.monster/maritime-connector/	Site advertising Jobs in maritime industry.

Fishing

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Global Fishing Watch	Free	http://globalfishingwatch.org/	Map tracks of commercial fishing vessels in near real-time. It currently does not include "reefer ships," refrigerated ships. Historical data dating to 2012. Datasets uploadable.
Skylight Global	Free	http://www.skylight.global/	Focused on illegal fishing using satellite images, AI, etc. Developed by Paul G. Allen and Vulcan Inc.
EU Fleet Register	Free	http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/fleet/index.cfm?method=Search.SearchSimple&country=	Details of EU fishing fleets. Including gear used.
FAO Fishing Vessel Finder	Free from the UN Food and Agriculture Organization	http://www.fao.org/figis/vrmf/finder/search/#stats	Compiled information from national fleet registers and regional fisheries management organizations.

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Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal	Free	http://portal.midatlanticocean.org/	An online toolkit and resource center that consolidates available data and enables state, federal and local users to visualize and analyze ocean resources and human use information such as fishing grounds, recreational areas, shipping lanes, habitat areas, and energy sites, among others.
Regional fisheries management organisations	Free from European Commission.	https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/international/rfmo/	Keep vessel lists and details of fishing authorizations.
Container Tracking			
Track Trace	Free. For-pay services provide tools for more efficient/convenient tracking.	http://www.track-trace.com/container	Tracks major shippers, postal parcels for 124 countries, containers with 118 companies and air cargo with 177 airlines.
ShippingLink	Free	https://www.shipmentlink.com/	Track shippping containers, air cargo and more, such as sailing schedules
Seacargotracking.net	Free	http://www.seacargotracking.net/	Track shippping containers, air cargo and more. Public and free, but you need to know the Shipping Line and a Container Number (or sometimes a BL-Number).
Graphics			
Ship Map	Free	https://www.shipmap.org	Graphic map using 2012 data. Just fun.
WATCH: Shipping Around The World In 1:40	Free	https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2015/02/21/388025656/watch-global-shipping-around-the-world-in-1-40	The 2015 video by Fleetomon shows satellite tracking of routes superimposed over Google Earth