



# Charlestown Navy Yard

**Fact: The Charlestown Navy Yard closed in 1974 and 30 acres became part of Boston National Historical Park.** During the American Civil War, the Charlestown Navy Yard symbolized the nation's commitment to defend the republic and assert American power. Since 1800 the yard had built and repaired hundreds of ships for the United States Navy. Many of these ships played pivotal roles during the Civil War, such as USS *Merrimack*, USS *Housatonic* and USS *Hartford*.

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