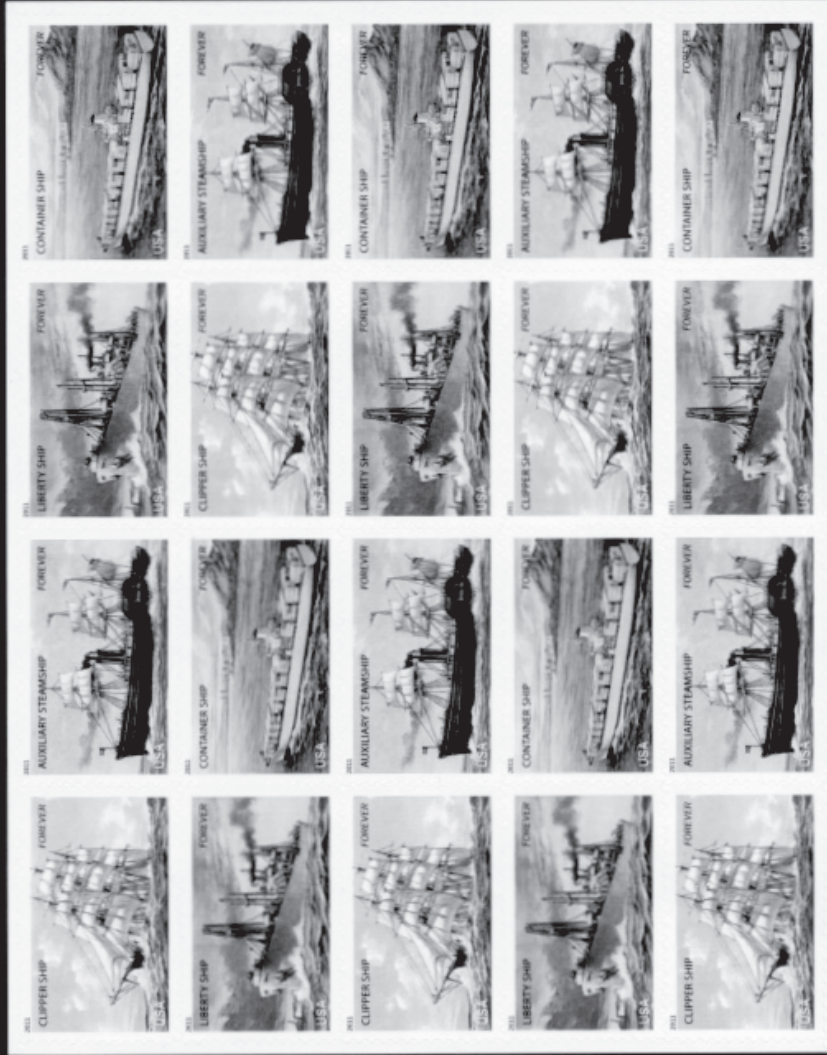


# 2011 Commemoratives

## U.S. MERCHANT MARINE

Since colonial times, America's merchant ships have plied the oceans and other navigable waters conveying goods and passengers. During wartime, they have also helped deliver troops and war materials. This role was formalized shortly before World War II, when legislation empowered the "U.S. Merchant Marine" to serve as a naval auxiliary unit. During World War II, the U.S. Merchant Marine bore the brunt of delivering military supplies overseas to U.S. forces and allies. Today, it continues to help meet the nation's security needs while also transporting commodities that sustain the American economy.

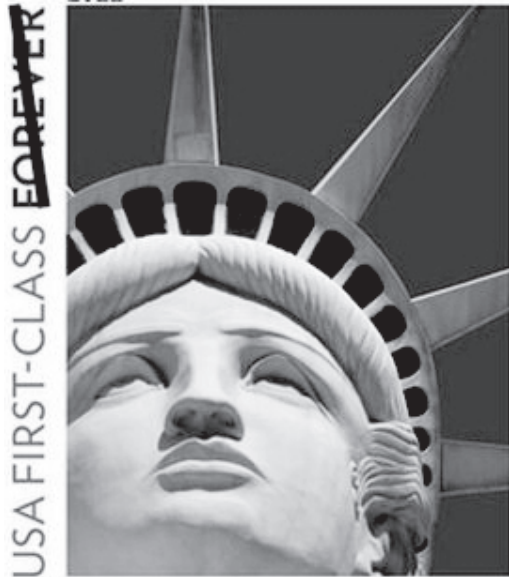


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## 2011 Regular Issue Stamps



**Lady Liberty and U.S Flag - 44¢:** Lady Liberty and the U.S Flag are two of America's most recognized symbols. The U.S. flag has been a symbol of freedom for over 230 years. Lady Liberty was a beacon of hope to immigrants arriving in New York Harbor. The statue pictured on the stamp is a replica which stands in front of the New York Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Forever stamps were issued as coil stamps in December 2010.

These stamps were issued as double-sided booklets of 20. Scott # 4559-60 are microprinted "4evR," #4561-62 are microprinted "4evr", and #4563-64 are microprinted "4EVR."