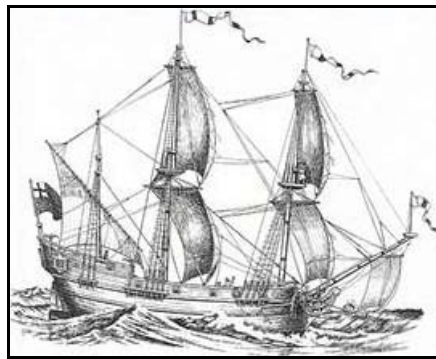


THE SHIP:

The *Henrietta Marie* was typical of the numerous small merchant ships that carried slaves to British North America during the early 18th Century. A three-masted, square sterned vessel, approximately 60-70 feet long and 120 tons, she was capable of holding over 200 slaves in her stepped cargo area. The vessel was originally a French merchant ship presumably seized by the British during the War of the League of Augsburg that occurred from 1689-1697.

ACTIVITY: SIZE OF THE HENRIETTA MARIE



The most probable cause of the ship's demise in late June of 1700 was a hurricane. The *Henrietta Marie* sank near the Marquesa Keys, 35 miles west of Key West, Florida. The water depth is approximately 30 feet. We assume the ship dragged anchor to ride out the hurricane. Wood was ripped from the deck, the main mast cracked and the crew was swept away. (ref: Nigel Tattersfield) Heavy winds likely forced the disabled *Henrietta Marie* onto the coral reef and caused further damage to the ship's hull.

ACTIVITY: PORTS-OF-CALL FOR THE SLAVE TRADE

