

THE EARLIEST SHIP MODEL IN THE BREMEN RATHAUS

This ship dates back to 1539 and is one of the earliest ship models in Europe—as tradition has it. It represents an "Orlog" ship (ancient man of war) that, in times of the Hanse, as an escort vessel protected against the nuisance of piracy the Bremen merchantmen sailing in convoys. With her 22 big and 12 small bronze guns, she was quite capable of warding off the rapacious attacks, so frequently in those days, on peaceful trading-vessels. On her main mast she bore a long red pennon reaching down to the waterline. From her stern flew the Bremen flag.

The "Orlog" ship which was sent to General Lucius D. Clay from Germany. It can be seen on display in the Cafeteria.