

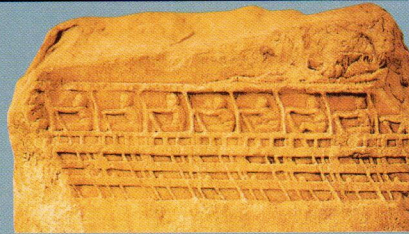
# GREEK WARSHIPS

The most powerful and famous warship in the ancient world was a Greek design known as a trireme. As Greek cities grew rich and powerful, they built fleets of triremes to patrol the eastern Mediterranean and wage war on their enemies.

## A MODERN TRIREME

In 1985, a group of ship-lovers from all over the world constructed a full-size replica trireme, named *Olympias*. Building the ship taught them a lot about the design of these ancient

warships. During sea trials, the team discovered more about how the ship and crew performed. *Olympias* is now on permanent display at Neon Faliron, near the port of Piraeus in Greece.



*This Athenian carving of a trireme dates back to around 400BC.*

*This photograph shows a modern Greek trireme, called *Olympias*, in full sail.*

*Triremes were expensive to build. In ancient times, only the richest cities, such as Athens and Corinth, could afford to commission many of them.*

