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Which of the five?

Five wrecks in the hall, five jobs on the water, and a sixth number that belonged to the longship.

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Ship	Official wording
Skuldelev 1	A large ocean-going cargo ship from Sognefjord in western Norway, built of heavy pine planks, with decks fore and aft and an open hold amidships. The English page has no facts table and does not give a length. This sheet does not invent one.
Skuldelev 2	A war machine, built of oak in the vicinity of Dublin around 1042. A crew of 65-70 men, and a manning of 60 oars: both official, not averaged. No facts-table length on the English wreck page.
Skuldelev 3	The best preserved of the five, built of Danish oak. Prose: room for about 4 tons of cargo. Facts table: cargo capacity 4.6 tons; length 14 metres; preserved ca. 75 %; dating ca. 1040.
Skuldelev 5	One of the smallest long ship in a war fleet, built with new and recycled timber. Facts table: ca. 1030, 17.3 metres, 26 oars, crew ca. 30 men, preserved ca. 50 %. The Helge Ask page also uses ca 1040.
Skuldelev 6	A fishing boat from the Sognefjord area, at the same time and place as Skuldelev 1, later increased with a plank in each side. Facts table: ca. 1030, 11.2 metres, original 14 oars, crew 5-15 men, preserved ca. 70 %.
Ship number 4?	The excavation map still includes the misinterpreted “ship number 4”. Parts classified as ship number 2 and ship number 4 actually were parts of the same ship, the Skuldelev 2-ship. The barrier consisted of five ships.

A short quiz

1. How many ships did the barrier consist of, once ship number 4 was understood?
2. Which two cargo figures appear on the Skuldelev 3 page?
3. Does the English page for Skuldelev 1 give a length?

Answers. Five. About 4 tons in the prose, and 4.6 tons in the facts table. No.

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