

SAILOR VOCABULARY

Ship Vocabulary

1. Baggywrinkle: A soft covering for standing rigging that prevents sail chafing.
2. Bumpkin: A beam projecting from the hull of a vessel.
3. Scantlings: The dimensions of a ship's structure.
4. Port and starboard: The left and right of a vessel.
5. Bow and stern: The front and back of a vessel.
6. Fathom: Unit of length to measure depth, the equivalent of six feet.
7. Bear: A large square stone used with sand to scrape wood decks clean.
8. Skiff: A small boat for leisure or fishing.
9. Stow: To store or put things away.

Sailor Vocabulary

1. Geedunk: Junk food.
2. Avast!: Stop what you're doing.
3. Scuttlebutt: Sailor gossip; also, an open cask of drinking water.
4. Landlubber: Someone unfamiliar with the sea.
5. Sea dog: An experienced sailor; also, a pirate or a harbor seal.
6. Flotsam: Wreckage from a ship floating on the water.
7. Jetsam: Goods from a ship cast deliberately overboard.
8. Grog: A mix of rum and water.
9. Bottomry: Pledging a ship as security in a financial transaction.