



Sea Terminology

- ...COLORING. Coloring, jab art, Jerusalem letters.
802. Miscellaneous sea terms.
- adrift, *said of anything that cannot be found when wanted.*
 - all cando, *all right.*
 - all dickey, *finished, completed.*
 - anchor, *to sit down.*
 - anchor to windward, *to protect oneself against emergencies.*
 - ask the cook!, *a reply to an irrelevant question.*
 - astench, *astern stench.*
 - backing and filling, *constantly changing ground, undecided.*
 - battle the watch, *to do one's best against difficulty.*
 - bear a hand, *to help; to hurry.*
 - bilge, *to fail; to discard.*
 - blow the gaff, *to inform on.*
 - bung, *squarely, plump.*
 - busy as the devil in a gale of wind, *very busy.*
 - buy a white horse, *to squander money.*
 - caper-cornerways, *diagonally.*
 - catch the tide, *to seize an opportunity.*
 - chart a course, *to plan any action.*
 - clear one's yardarm, *to prove one's innocence; also to shift responsibility.*
 - climb the rigging, *to lose one's temper.*
 - cut of one's jib, *one's personal appearance.*
 - dash me, *give me.*
 - ditch, *to throw into the "ditch," or sea; to discard.*
 - dredgy, *the ghost of a drowned seaman.*
 - fall foul of, *to get in one's bad graces.*
 - Fiddlers Green, *the seaman's place of afterlife.*
 - fly a red flag at the masthead, *to be in earnest.*
 - for a full due, *forever.*
 - from clew to earing, *thoroughly.*
 - give us a shake of your starboard fore lift, *shake hands.*
 - gallied, *alarmed, confused.*
 - get into a hank, *to lose one's temper.*
 - get to leeward of, *to "fall foul of" a person.*
 - go into dry dock, *to go to the hospital.*
 - half laughs and purser's grins, *sneers.*
 - haul one's wind, *to change one's tactics, a new course of action.*
 - heave (ahead), *injunction to do or say what one is going to do.*
 - heave the line on, *to keep one under observation.*
 - heave together, *to chum with.*
 - (left) high and dry, *of a person, stranded*
 - in a flap, *excited.*
 - in everybody's mess and nobody's watch, *(immediately).*
 - in high latitudes, *exhilarated.*
 - jar one's compass, *to surprise or annoy.*
 - keep one's ports dogged, *to keep one's eyes peeled.*
 - lose one's ballast, *to be top-heavy w/ pride.*
 - low water, *poverty.*
 - manavel, manarvel, *to pilfer.*
 - miss the boat, *to be late.*

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monkey, a *terit* attached to a ship.
 navigate, to *walk about*.
 near the wind, *stingy*.
 on the high ropes, *proud*.
 on the wrong tack, *wrong, mistaken*.
 paper, to *supply or examine ship's papers*.
 part brass rags, to *quarrel, "have a falling out."*
 pipe, to *watch*.
 pipe the eye, to *weep*.
 pleny, *full (other than in its strictly nautical sense)*.
 pump ship, to *urinate*.
 rescrub, to *repeat*.
 rig in your booms, *pull in your elbows*.
 scuttle, to *have sexual relations*.
 she sails, *said of an easy woman*.
 shore up, to *prop up*.
 shove in one's oar, to *interrupt a conversation*.
 slack in one's stays, *slow of movement*.
 square yards, to *get even*.
 stokers, *cinders flying from a ship's funnels*.
 straight as a deck seam or a loon's leg, *absolutely straight*.
 studding sails set on both sides, *said of a sailor ashore between two girls*.
 swabo, *zero*.
 sway all top ropes, to *put on airs*.
 take a dekho, to *take a look*.
 take charge, *said of any article that gets loose and becomes unmanageable on board ship*.
 traphanded, *deceitful*.
 the three L's, *lead, latitude, and lookout*.
 tough as an old lanyard knot, *very tough*.
 two ends and the bight, *all*.
 up the pole, *annoyed*.
 whistle psalms to the taffrail, to *give unheeded advice*.

803-807. ELECTRICIANS AND LINEMEN

803. Electrician.—n. 1. Alec, dynamo buster, electric, electric man, juice, juice hand, juicer, juice jerker, sparks. *Spec.* chandy, shanty, a *circus electrician*, a *chandelier man*; gaffer, the *head electrician*; carbon monkey, lamp man, rigger, an *electrician who installs and repairs lights*; radiotrician, a *radio electrician (a trademark word)*; sparks, the *operator of an X-ray machine*; troubleshooter, a *maintenance man*; W.C., wire chief, the *tester in the office*; juice gang, a *crew of electricians*. (See also Stage electrician, 585.14; Motion-picture electrician, 605.14.)

2. ELECTRICIAN'S ASSISTANT. Grunt, grunter, operator. *Spec.* grounder, groundhog, click, squeak, *linemen's ground assistant*; best boy, the *chief electrician's first assistant*.

3. LINEMAN. Bully, come-along, hiker, hooks, Joe Hooks, lightning snatcher, monkey, pole hiker, stump jumper. *Spec.* hot monkey, a *power lineman*; squirrel, an *expert lineman*; gaffer, main squeeze, the *foreman*; headliner, one *stationed ahead of the poles who determines whether the poles are*

in line and plumb; sideliners, one stationed at the side of a pole whether it is plumb and the crossarms square; home guard, 1.

804. Electrical equipment.—1. Spec. arm, an armature; battery, an electrical apparatus; bug juice, carbon tetrachloride; bug paste; soup, melted solder; can, a cable terminal on a pole; rotary gap; dope, a varnish for coating inductance coils; gin portable light socket; pig, a short plugging box; pocket, an electric howler, an electric buzzer; juice joint, an electrical-appliance road, an electric railroad; pickup, a brush on a dynamo, or a on an electric train for picking up the current from the live rail; a service truck; tannoy, P.A., a public address system. (See electrical equipment, 588.6; Radio equipment, 617.)

2. BATTERY. Bat, cell, hotbox, juice box.

3. CONTROLLER; RESISTOR; TRANSFORMER. Spec. box, pot, transformer; 15-kva pot, a 15 kilovolt-ampere transformer; jig, potential wireless transformer designed for high-frequency current in transmitting and receiving; step-down transformer, a device for changing from a high to a low potential; step-up transformer, the opposite; teasers, two transformers forming a T connection; trembler, spring blade on an induction coil; choker, a choking coil; remote control board; rheo, a rheostat.

4. ELECTRIC LIGHTS. Electrics, flickers, glimmers, glims, j (See also Theater lights, 588.7-9; Motion-picture lighting equipment, 18.)

5. ELECTRIC WIRES. Juice strings, shoestrings, spaghetti, string wires, chatter lines, Maw Bell wires, telephone wires; monkey phone or telegraphic lines connecting groups of small towns; electric lead of primaries transmitting current from the source to on the circuit; hot lines, -wires or strings, hot stuff, live wires; wires joined at right angles in the shape of a T; jumper, a short break or cut out part of the circuit; spider, a connection between whisker, the loose end of a wire. (See also Telegraph wires, 8.)

6. INSULATOR. Spec. bottle, a glass insulator; petticoat insulator, glass or porcelain insulator; Johnny ball, a porcelain ball current; non-con, a nonconductor; rubber goods, rubber insulators; insulation on wires.

7. POLE. Stick, toothpick. Spec. blackjack, black diamond, a cable pole; deadman, a dummy pole, used in raising other poles; c, situated at the deviation in line; pull, the deviation from a tangent pole; rod, a streetcar trolley pole; pike pole, a line pole used to lead, the main line of poles; belly, the curve of a telephone pole; a crossarm; hard-up, the position of a pole tight against the side on its back, said of a pole leaning away from the arms; on its side, pole leaning toward the arms.

8. POLE ANCHOR. Spec. lead of guy, the distance of an anchor from a slug, an anchor block; slug hole, the hole for an anchor block.

9. POWER EQUIPMENT. Spec. dyno, a dynamo; gen, juice maker; motor-gen, a motor-generator; juice peddler, an electric magneto.

10. TOOLS. Spec. buffalo grip, come-along, a wire stretcher; con, a tool for connecting wire ends; hardware, metal articles used

give up the ship, go out with the ebb, slip one's wind, unreel one's line. Spec. feed the fishes, go to Davy Jones' or Davy's locker, to drown; der hatches, to be dead and buried; be under sailing orders, to be dying; one off, to kill.

DIFFICULTY; TROUBLE. Agony, hurrah's nest, rattle.

DRESS. Spec. clean into (as long togs), shift clothes, to change clothes; get up, to wrap up well.

EXPLETIVES. Bash my binnacles!, blast my barnacles!, blow me down!, my binnacles!, dash my binnacles!, dash my timbers!, holy bilge water!, a son of a sea cook!, keelhaul me for a swab!, scuttle me an' strike me!, shiver my timbers!, suffering catfish! -sunfish!, -sea serpents!, -sea-! &c., swoggle my eyes!, wouldn't that jar your compass!, you son of a cook!, you son of a sea-going rum scutch!

GET THE BETTER OF. Get to windward of, take the wind out of one's sails.

HONEST. Aboveboard, right up-and-down like a yard of pump water, near the wind, straight as a deck seam, straight as a loon's leg.

JOKE ON A GREEN SAILOR. Knock the anchor down with a boat hook, for the anchor watch, -the key to the compass, -the galley downhill &c.

IN A PREDICAMENT. Hard in a clinch with no knife to cut the seizing, hurrah's nest, in the bowse, in the rattle, pawled, with the devil to pay on pitch hot. Spec. run aground, to get into a predicament.

LEAVE; "BEAT IT." Cruise off, cut one's painter or stick, duck one's t, hoist one's anchor, hoist sail, hoist-, lift-, pull or weigh anchor, make pull the anchor, pull up one's anchor, shin the chains, shove off, top boom, up-anchor.

MARRY. Be spliced, go off the deep end, lash her to the mast.

PARTS OF THE BODY. Spec. battleships, feet; booms, elbows; deadlights, ghts, eyes; face like a sea boot, one devoid of expression; marline spikes, s; flippers, forelifts, hands; starboard forelift, the right hand; both sheets with hands in one's pockets; headrails, teeth; porthole, the anus.

PUNISH. Bring to bearings. Spec. be called where the boot shines, to be before the master; blow the grampus, give a cold northwester, to pour on a person, as for shirking or as an initiation of a new hand; eagle, -eagle, to lash to the shrouds by the legs and arms; give a dry ducking, bend a man by a rope just above the water; give a dry flogging, to give a punishment with the clothes on instead of on the bare back; feed salt ve a rough dozen, trim one's jacket, to flog; marry the gunman's or r's daughter, to be flogged over a gun; knock seven bells out of one, to up"; give the deep six, to heave one overboard; serve out slops, to administer punishment at the gangplank; log, to enter a seaman's name in a or punishment; be turned off at the yardarm, walk up Ladder Lane and Hemp Street, to be hanged from the yardarm.

SHANGHAI. Crimp, glaum, glom, heist, hike up, shangheist.

SICKNESS. Spec. bends, caisson disease; salt-water pigeon, infection by salt water on chapped skin; barnacle or binnacle list, the sick list.

STOP. Avast!, belay (there)!, pawl there! Spec. calk, caulk, to stop, ; swallow the anchor, to give up, quit.

STOP TALKING!; "SHUT UP!" Choke your luff!, cut off your jib!, pipe , stash it!, stow it!, stow the gab! Spec. cut off one's jib, to stop one alking.

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7. STOKER. Bakehead, blackie, clinker boy, clink knocker, coal heaver, coaly, amond pusher or shover, diamond thrower or heaver, fireboy, fire feeder, oker, pusher, snipe, underground savage. *Spec.* black gang, the stokehold etc.

8. PURSER. Pusser. *Spec.* pinchgut, a miserly purser; dusty, Jack-o'-the-dust, a purser's clerk.

9. SAILMAKER. Canvas patcher, ducks, sails.

10. SHIP'S CARPENTER. Chips, nails.

11. SHIP'S COOK. Doctor, drainings, drains, galley rat, grease burner, grub oiler, lord of the foresheet (*on a sailing vessel*), pot rastler, -rassler or restler, pot-walloper, slushy, stew builder.

12. SHIP'S COOPER. Bungs, Jimmy Bungs.

13. SHIP STOREKEEPER. Acater, bolts and nuts, lamps, stores.

14. SHIP'S TAILOR. (Ship's) sheeny, snip, snips.

15. STEWARD. Stew. *Spec.* belly robber, a steward who does not feed the crew well; boss, the chief steward; B.R., a bedroom steward; dish jerker, nger, a table steward; glory-hole steward, the steward who attends the passenger stewards in their quarters; king, the steward in charge of a specific department, as the "silver king," "linen king"; ducer, the second steward; caseball, a table steward or any galley worker; mess punk, a table steward the sailor's fo'c'sle; hunk, a steward in the third class; nighthawk, a steward the night watchmen; rags, the steward in charge of linen; tiger, the captain's steward; the boys, the assistant stewards; chain gang, extra stewards ring a one-way passenger rush.

6. SHIP'S DOCTOR. Bones, butch, epsom salts, pill roller, pills, sawbones. ec. loblolly boy, a surgeon's attendant.

7. TELEGRAPHER. Brass pounder, hero, iddy-umpty, op, sparks.

8. FISHERMAN. Piscaputurist. *Spec.* Blue Nose, a Nova Scotia fisherman; hauler, Newfie, a Newfoundland fisherman; herring snapper, a Nova Scotia or Newfoundland fisherman; Down Easter, a Maine fisherman; cod anger, a Newfoundland fish curer; dry-land sucker, a fisherman caught with his own hook; high hook, the one who catches the greatest quantity or largest fish; huer, a lookout who warns of the approach of a school of face fish; spouter, a whaler; striker, a harpooner; spectioner, the chief pooner on a whaler.

9. LAZY SEAMAN; MALINGERER. Galley stoker, gawpus, headworker, lead nger, mope, sham Abram or Abraham, soger, soldier, tin-potter.

0. SHIP'S OFFICER. Swab. *Spec.* ancient crab, a retired master; barnacle, nior officer who clings to the job his juniors hope to get; bucko (mate). vn Easter, hard horse, horse, a tyrannical officer; Dicky, the second officer a sailing vessel; driver, a sailing-ship captain who carries all possible cantantad, fantod, a fidgety, fussy officer; Mister, old man, the captain; oing taxi driver, a yacht captain; spouter, a whaling-ship captain. (See Naval officers, 898.)

1. SHANGHAIER. Crimp, crimper, shangheister.

37. Landsman.—1. Land crab, landlubber, land swab, lubber, shore r. *Spec.* land shark, a landsman who swindles sailors; beamy bimbo, a d-hipped woman; crimp, a runner for a sailors' boardinghouse; dock e, a looter of ships and warehouses; heavy horseman, one who loots ships