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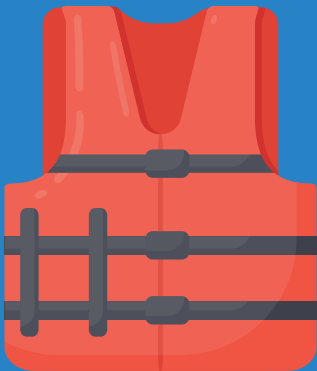


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6 A throwable device must be IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE for use

Test your trivia knowledge



A hoy, mateys! This be a fair and true listing of a few words and a little trivia as to the origin having to do with ships and sailing. These terms come mainly from the great age of sailing ships, the 16th to 18th centuries, and almost all hail from great seafaring peoples of the day, those being English, Norse, Dutch and German.

By Doug Beck

Bow

Forward part of a ship, beginning where the sides trend inward, mid-14 century, from a source such as Old Norse bogr, Middle Low German boog, Middle Dutch boech "bow of a ship," from Proto-Germanic *bugon-, from PIE root *bheug- "to bend," with derivatives referring to bent, pliable, or curved objects.

Stern

Hind part of a ship; steering gear of a ship, probably from a Scandinavian source, such as old Old Norse stjern "a steering," related to or derived from styra "to guide". Or the word may come from Old Frisian stiarne "rudder," which also is related to the word steer. Stern-wheeler as a type of steam-boat is from 1855.

Port

The left side of a ship (looking forward from the stern), 1540s, probably from the notion of "the side facing the harbor" (when a ship is docked); thus from port. On old-style vessels the steering oar was on the right side, thus they would tie up at a wharf on the other side. It replaced larboard in common usage to avoid confusion with starboard; officially so by Admiralty order of 1844 and U.S. Navy Department notice of 1846. As an adjective by 1857.

Starboard

Old English steorbord, literally "steer-board, side on which a vessel was steered," from steor "rudder, steering paddle," from Proto-Germanic *steuro "a steering" (compare German Steuer), from PIE *steu-, secondary form of root *sta- "to stand, make or be firm," + bord "ship's side". Similar formation in Old Norse stjornborði, Low German stürbord, Dutch stuurboard, German Steuerbord.

Early Germanic peoples' boats were propelled and steered by a paddle on the right side. The opposite side of the ship sometimes in Germanic was the "back-board" (Old English bæcbord). French tribord (Old French estribord), Italian stribordo "star-board" are Germanic loan-words.

Helm

Instrument by which a ship is steered, from Old English helma "rudder; position of guidance, control," from Proto-Germanic *helmaz (source also of Old Norse hjalm, Old High German helmo, German Helm "handle"), from PIE *kelp- "to hold, grasp".

Rudder

The part of the helm which consists of a broad piece of timber, that enters the water, and is governed by means of the wheel or tiller.

Tiller

The bar or lever by means of which the rudder of a ship or boat is turned.

Gunwale

Uppermost edge of a ship's side, mid-15c., *gonne walle*, from *gun* (n.) + *wale* "plank" Originally a platform on the deck of a ship to support the mounted guns.

Free Freeboard

Distance between waterline and main deck of a ship.

Galley

The word has made its way into most Western European languages. Originally "low, flat-built seagoing vessel of one deck," once a common type in the Mediterranean. Meaning "cooking range or cooking room on a ship" dates from 1750.

Poop Deck

Enclosed structure at stern of ship above main deck, (yes it is used what you think) The term *Head* is nautical for toilet. in the days of sail. A plank was placed near the bow or prow of the ship. The plank over hung the ship edge over the water. that is where ships crew relieve themselves. The Officers were able to use an enclosed area on the poop deck.

Mizzen Mast

Aftermost fore-and-aft sail of a three-masted ship," early 15 century., *mesan*, via French *misaine* "foresail, foremast," altered (by influence of Italian *mezzana* "mizzen") from Old French *mitjanne*, from Catalan *mitjana*, from Latin *medianus* "of the middle" (from the root **medhyo-* "middle").

The sense of the English and Italian words agree, but the etymology is off because the "middle" mast on a ship is the mainmast. Perhaps it refers to a sail of "middle" size, or the thing described changed. Klein suggests an alternate etymology of the French word, from Arabic via Italian. The mizzen-mast supports the mizzen-sail.

Anchor

Device for securing ships to the ground under the water by means of cables, Old English *ancor*, borrowed from Latin *ancora* "an anchor," from or cognate with Greek *ankyra* "an anchor, a hook," from root **ang-/*ank-* "to bend." A very early borrowing into English and said to be the only Latin nautical term used in the Germanic languages (German *Anker*, Swedish *ankar*, etc.). The unetymological *-ch-* emerged late 16 century., a pedantic imitation of a corrupt spelling of the Latin word. The figurative sense of "that which gives stability or security"

Sail

Old English *segilan* "travel on water in a ship; equip with a sail," from the same Germanic source as *sail*; cognate with Old Norse *sigla*, Middle Dutch *seghelen*, Dutch *zeilen*, Middle Low German *segelen*, German *segeln*. Meaning "to set out on a sea voyage, leave port".

Boat

Small open vessel (smaller than a ship) used to cross waters, propelled by oars, a sail, or (later) an engine. Old English *bat*, from Proto-Germanic **bait-* (source also of Old Norse *batr*, Dutch *boot*, German *Boot*), possibly from PIE root **bheid-* "to



split," if the notion is of making a boat by hollowing out a tree trunk or from split planking. Or it may be an extension of the name for some part of a ship.

Ship

Old English *scip* "ship, boat," from Proto-Germanic **skipa-* (source also of Old Norse, Old Saxon, Old Frisian, Gothic *skip*, Danish *skib*, Swedish *skepp*, Middle Dutch *scip*, Dutch *schip*, Old High German *skif*, German *Schiff*), "Germanic noun of obscure origin" [Watkins]. Others suggest perhaps originally "tree cut out or hollowed out," and derive it from the root **skei-* "to cut, split".

Now a vessel of considerable size, adapted to navigation; the Old English word was used for small craft as well, and definitions changed over time; in 19 century., distinct from a boat in having a bowsprit and three masts, each with a lower, top, and topgallant mast. French *esquif*, Italian *schifo* are Germanic loan-words.

Scuttlebutt

Old English "cask of drinking water kept on a ship's deck, having a hole (scuttle) cut in it for a cup or dipper," from *scuttle* "opening in a ship's deck" *scuttle* + *butt* "barrel." Earlier *scuttle cask* (1777). Meaning "rumor, gossip" first recorded 1901, originally nautical slang, traditionally said to be from the sailors' custom of gathering around the scuttlebutt to gossip. Compare *water-cooler*, figurative for "workplace gossip" mid-20 century.

Wheelhouse

The term *wheelhouse* was first used in the mid-1800s to describe the area of a steamboat that enclosed its steering wheel. You can use the word to describe the part of any boat where the captain steers, though it's more common these days to call an actual wheelhouse a *bridge* or *pilothouse*.

Doug Beck is a certified National Safe Boating Council instructor, the co-chair of Lake of the Ozarks Water Safety Council and president of the Captains Association of Missouri.

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Tips for buying a pre-enjoyed boat

Compiled by Charis Patires

With manufacturing delays for new boat orders, many people have turned to the pre-enjoyed boat inventory to get out on the water faster. If you are in the market for a “new-to-you” boat this season, there are several things you will want to consider before making a purchase.

“It’s typical that we have several consignments toward the end of the year as the sizzle of the summer has come to an end,” Premier 54 salesman Trevor Gardner said. “People are more willing to depart with them than they are during the middle of summer.”

Everything from a 21-foot open bow, tritoons and fishing boats are a part of the used-boat inventory at the moment, Gardner said.

When considering whether to buy new or used, several factors play a role in the final decision. Gardner says customers who have never owned a boat before should consider buying something used or a little older.

“Something they can beat up a little bit while learning,” he said. “It also helps them to decide what they like and don’t like with the layout, convenience and comfort features.”


Experienced boaters should consider a brand new boat that is still under warranty.

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Purchasing a pre-owned boat can be a bit worrisome because you don’t know the complete history so make sure that you purchase a dealer that conducts a thorough mechanical inspection. If purchasing from a private owner, it’s always recommended to utilize a reputable service department that the buyer chooses.

Remember, there is no perfect boat that’ll always check every box for every user.


“The lifestyle and everything that surrounds boating is meant to be fun, relaxing and memorable,” Gardner said. “Make sure that you’re doing business with people who keep the entire experience before, during and after the purchase just that; fun, relaxing and memorable.”



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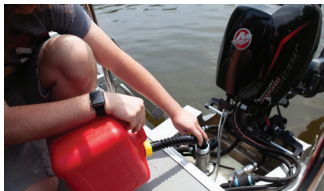


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The Lake can be a great place to spend summer afternoons and evenings. Discover how to make time at the lake even more fun with these ideas.

FISHING

Cast your line right into the lake and take a shot at catching some fish. Bass, trout, perch, and pike may be interested in the bait hanging off of your hook. Be sure to check local fish and game ordinances to see if you need a license for fishing for the season, as well as the recreational size limits, possession limits and fishing seasons if you plan on keeping your catch.

WATER SPORTS

Water sports and lakes often go hand-in-hand. Certain water activities are easier on the calm waters of a lake than in the waves and swells of an ocean — particularly for beginners. Canoes and kayaks are one- or two-passenger vessels that can be launched



from just about anywhere. They make areas of the lake explorable that may not be accessible to large boats. Plus they require no fuel other than the power of rowing. If you prefer more speed, personal water craft like jet skis may be used on lakes in certain areas. Waterskiing or wakeboarding behind powerboats are some additional options for thrill-seekers.

TUBING

Although tubing is often enjoyed on rivers where the rapids carry people along from a starting point to the end, those who desire a more relaxing day may opt for tubing on a lake. Tie several tubes together and create a fleet of friends or family floating leisurely under the sun. With the addition of a floating cooler full of drinks and snacks, you can stay out on the lake for hours.

LAKESIDE CUISINE

If you're lucky to have a lodge or restaurant dockside, you can enjoy a delicious meal overlooking a sunset on the lake. Time in or on the water can build up an appetite, which can be satiated by a meal while you listen to the water lap against the shoreline.

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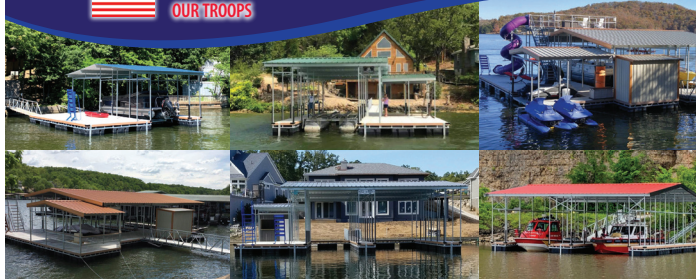



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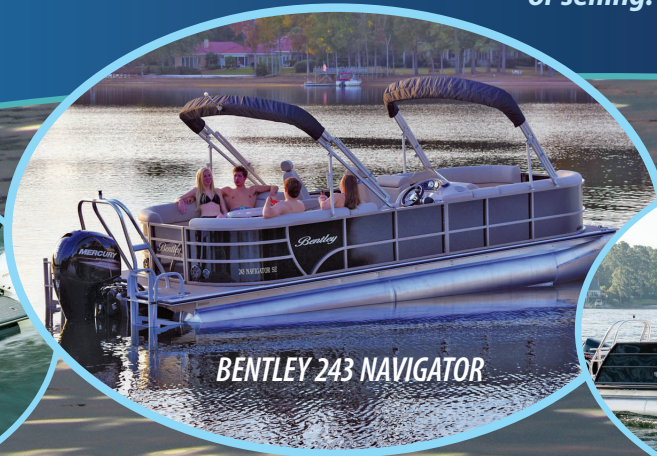
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