

SHIPS NOMENCLATURE AND FITTINGS

1. **BITTS**- Strong iron post on ship's deck for working or fastening lines; almost invariably in pairs.
2. **BULKHEAD**- One of the vertical wall-like structure enclosing a compartment.
3. **BRIG**- Prison aboardship or on shore.
4. **BOLLARD**- Wooden or iron post on pier or wharf to which mooring lines are secured
5. **CLEAT**- a small deck fitting of metal with horns used for securing lines.
6. **DECK**- Aboardship, it corresponds to a floor.
7. **COMPARTMENT**- Corresponds to a room in a building.
8. **OVERHEAD**- Aboardship, it corresponds to a ceiling of a building.
9. **HEAD**- Compartment of a ship having toilet facilities.
10. **SUPERSTRUCTURE**- All equipments or fittings extending above the hull except armaments
11. **MAST**- Upright spar supporting signal yard and antennas in a naval ship.
12. **WARDROOM**- Officer's mess and lounge room aboardship
13. **YARDARM**- a spar attached to a mast and running athwartship
14. **RUDDER**- Flat vertical, movable, structure attached to the stern used for steering the ship.
15. **LAZARETTE**- A storage compartment at the stern below deck.
16. **GALLEY**- The ship's kitchen
17. **CABIN**- The Captain's living quarter.
18. **QUARTERS**- Living space, assembly of the new.

OTHER NAVAL TERMS:

1. **ADRIFT**- Loose from mooring or out of place
2. **AYE-AYE**- Reply to an order to indicate that it is heard, understood and will be carried out.
3. **ABOARD**- In or in the ship
4. **AVAST**- a Command to cease or desist from whatever is being done
5. **BILLET**- Allotted sleeping place. A man's position in the ship's organization
6. **ALL HANDS**- Entire ship's company
7. **BLACK GANG**- Slang for engine force
8. **BEAR A HAND**- Lend a helping hand, speed up work
9. **BINNACLE LIST**- Sick list, list of men excuse from duty
10. **BOOT**- Slang for a new recruit
11. **COXWAIN**- Enlisted men in charge of a boat
12. **CROSSING THE LINE**- Crossing the earth's equator
13. **DOLPHIN**- Cluster of piles at the corner or edge of a pier
14. **DEAD ON THE WATER**- a ship is said to be Dead on the Water when she has neither headway nor sternway in the water, not moored, anchored or aground.
15. **FATHOMS**- Six (6) foot unit of length
16. **FIELD DAY**- General cleaning day, aboardship, usually before inspection
17. **FLAG OFFICER**- An officer of the rank of Commodore or above
18. **GANGWAY**- Opening in the bulkwark; to give entrance; an order to stand aside and get out of the way.
19. **GENERAL QUARTERS**- Battle stations for all hands
20. **GIG** – Ship's boat designed for the commanding officer.
21. **JAVA** – Slang for coffee.

22. **JUMP SHIP** – Slang for leaving the ship without authority or permission.
23. **KNOCK OFF** – To cease what is being done or to stop work.
24. **IRISH PENNANTS** – Untidy loose end of lines carelessly left dangling, unauthorized hangings.
25. **LUCKY BAG** – Stowage of articles found adrift.
26. **LANDLUBBERS** – Term for one who has never been at sea.
27. **PASSAGEWAY** – Corridors.
28. **PIPE DOWN** – An order to keep silent.
29. **PASS THE WORD** – To repeat an order or information to the crew.
30. **POLLYWOG** – Person who has never been cross the equator.
31. **SHELLBACK** – A man who has cross the equator and has been initiated.
32. **SEA DOG** – Old sailor.
33. **SEA LAWYER** – Enlisted men who likes to argue, usually one who thinks he can twist the regulations and standing orders around to favor his personal inclination.
34. **SKAG** – Slang for cigarette.
35. **SHIPSHAPE** – Neat, orderly condition.
36. **SICKBAY** – Ship’s hospital or dispensary.
37. **SKIVVY** – Slang for undershirt.
38. **SECURE** – To make fast, to tie; an order given in completion of a drill or exercise meaning to withdraw from drill station.
39. **STANDBY** – Preparatory; order meaning “GET ready or prepare to”
40. **TURN TO** – An order to begin work.
41. **VERY WELL** – A reply of a senior to a junior to indicate that information given is understood, or that permission is granted.
42. **IDLER** – A day worker; one who stands no night watches.
43. **WATCH** – A period of duty, usually of four hours duration.
44. **DAVYJONES LOCKER** - The bottom of the sea.