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.
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.
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.