NAVAL TERMS AND PHRASEOLOGIES

Ships Nomenclature:

A. Naval terms (denotes direction and location)
   1. Abaft - behind or further aft, astern or toward the stern.
   2. Abeam - at right angle to the centerline of the ship
   3. Aft-in - near or toward the stern
   4. Alongside - on side a pier or berth
   5. Amidship - the middle portion of the ship
   6. Astern - toward the stern, an object or vessel that is abaft to another vessel or object
   7. Bridge - raised platform from which a ship is navigated
   8. Bow - the forward part of the ship
   9. Broadside - at right angle to the fore and aft line of the ship
  10. Centerline - imaginary line running from the ships bow to stern: divides the ship lengthwise vertically
  11. Dead ahead - directly ahead of the ships bow in line of the centerline
  12. Dead astern - directly aft of the ship in line of the centerline
  13. Draft - depth of the water from the surface waterline to the ships keel
  14. Fantail - main deck section in the after part of the ship
  15. Freeboard - height of ships side from the waterline to the main deck
  16. Leeward - direction away from the wind
  17. Port Bow - bearing 315 degrees relative to the bow of the ship
  18. Portside - left hand side of the ship facing forward
  19. Starboard Bow - bearing 45 degrees relative to the bow
  20. Starboardside - right hand side of the ship facing forward
  21. Waterline - the line which makes the surface with the hull
  22. Windward - direction toward the wind

B. Naval Terms (denotes nomenclature of fittings)
   1. Bitts - strong iron post on a ships deck for working of fastening lines almost invariably in pairs.
   2. Bulkhead - one of the vertical wall like structures enclosing a compartment
   3. Brig - a prison on a ship or a shore base
   4. Bollard - wooden or iron post on a pier or wharf for securing mooring lines
   5. Cleat - a small deck fittings or metal with horns used for securing lines
   6. Deck - on a ship, its corresponds to a floor in a building
   7. Compartment - it corresponds to a room in a building
   8. Overhead - equivalent to a ceiling of a building ashore
   9. Head - compartment of a ship having toilet facilities
  10. Superstructure - all equipment and fittings except armament extending above the hull
  11. Mast - upright spar supporting signal halyard and antennas in a naval ship
  12. Wardroom - officers mess and lounge room aboardship
  13. Yardarm - a spar attached to the of a mast running athwartship
  14. Rudder - flat movable structure and vertically attached to the stern used for steering the ship
  15. Lazarette - storage compartment of the stern below deck
  16. Galley - the ship kitchen
17. Cabin- the captain’s living quarter

C. Other Naval Terms
1. Adrift- loose from mooring or out of place
2. Aye-Aye- a reply to an order to indicate that it is understood and will be carried out
3. Billet allotted sleeping place: also a man’s location in the ship’s organization
4. Avast- a command to desist for whatever is being done
5. Black Gang- slang for the engineering force
6. Bear Hand- cooperation among the ship’s company
7. All Hands- entire ship’s company
8. Binnacle list - sick list: list of men excuse for duty
9. Boot- slang for new recruit
10. Coxswain- enlisted men in charge of a boat
11. Crossing the line- crossing the earth equator
12. Dolphin- cluster of piles at the corner or edge of a pier
13. Dead in the water- said of a ship when she has neither headway nor steerway in the water
14. Fathom- six (6) feet unit of length
15. Field day- general cleaning day aboardship, usually a day before inspection
16. Flag Officer- an officer with the rank of COMMODORE and above
17. Gangway- opening in the bulwarks: order to stand a while and get out of way
18. General Quarters- battle station for all hands
19. Gig- ships boat designated for the use of the Commanding Officer
20. Java- ships boat designated for coffee time
21. Jump ship- slang for leaving the ship without authority/permission
22. Irish pennant – untidy loose end of a line
23. Lucky bag- stowage of article found adrift
24. Landlubbers- seaman’s term for one that has never been at sea
25. Passageway- corridor
26. Pipe down- an order to keep silent
27. Pass the word- to repeat an order or information to the crew
28. Pollywog- a person who has never cross the equator
29. Sea dog- an old sailor
30. Sea lawyer- an enlisted men who likes to argue; usually one who thinks he can twist the regulations and standing order to favor his personal inclinations
31. Shell back – a man who has cross the equator and has been initiated
32. Skag- slang for cigarettes
33. Ship-shape- term for a neat and orderly condition
34. Sickbay- ships hospital or dispensary
35. Skippy- slang for undershirt
36. Secure- to make fast; to tie; an order given in completion of a drill or exercise meaning to withdraw from drill station and duties
37. Davey Jones Locker – the bottom of the sea