

A Vast Behind	Avast - nautical term meaning stop, cease or desist from whatever is being done. "stop being behind (the others)"
About	To go about is to change the course of a ship by tacking. Ready about, or boutship, is the order to prepare for tacking. Hard About is with speed and force.
Aft	Aft, in naval terminology, is an adjective or adverb meaning, towards the stern (rear) of the ship
Against the Grain	against the tide; into the waves
Al dente	in Italian "to the tooth"; to cook something until it is soft but still firm
Amidship	in the middle of the ship
Antipodes	Antipodes Islands of New Zealand, which is the antipodes of London.
Archipelago	Geographically, antipodes is the point on the earth's surface which is diametrically opposite to it.
Armada	a chain, cluster, or collection of islands
Armada	a fleet of warships
Arrowtooth	a type of flounder
Attaque	fencing term: the initial offensive action made by extending the sword arm and continuously threatening the valid target of the opponent.
Ay de mi. Que Demonio. Debo protestar	Oh my stars. That demon. I must protest
Balestra	fencing term: a forward hop or jump, typically followed by an attack such as a lunge or fleche.
Be British	maintain a stiff upper lip; an inability to complain
Bilge	the lowest compartment on a ship, below the waterline, where the two sides meet at the keel.
Boo	slang: boyfriend or girlfriend
Bounding Main	open sea
Brighton	town on the south coast of England
BVDs	a brand of men's underwear, founded in 1876. Commonly referred to as BVDs
Canelloni	a cylindrical type of pasta generally served baked with a filling and covered by a sauce. Popular stuffings include spinach and ricotta or minced beef. The sauces typically used are tomato underneath and besciamella sauce to cover the top.
Canoli	a tube shaped fried pastry dough filled with a sweet creamy filling made with ricotta
Captstan	a revolving cylinder with a vertical axis used for winding a rope or cable to hoist sails or weights. It is rotated manually.
Chewing the scenery	melodramatic, over-the-top, "hammy" performance
Chianti	a wine produced in the Chianti region of central Tuscany
Claggy	Thick, sticky and gooey. (as in mud)
Comme il faut	literally - as it should be; proper, conforming to etiquette
Coulee	fencing term: also graze, glise', or glissade; an attack or feint that slides along the opponent's blade.
Davy Jones	Davy Jones's Locker is an idiom for the bottom of the sea. a euphemism for drowning or shipwrecks in which the sailor(s)'s and/or ship(s)'s remains are consigned to the bottom of the sea
Despond	a state of unhappiness and low spirits. *see also Slough of Despond
Devon Cream	devonshire cream, clotted cream; traditionally eaten on scones
Ditty Bag	A sailor's small bag to hold thread, needles, tape, personal effects; a housewife.
Dodo	an extinct flightless bird that was indigenous to the island of Mauritius, east of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean. Its Latin name is Raphus Cucullatus (1758). Synonyms are Struthio cucullatus (1758) and Didus Ineptus (1766).
Done 'n' Dusted...	successfully completed
Fell Off The Twig	euphemism for being dead
Flotsam	Wreckage or cargo that remains afloat after a ship has sunk.
Focaccia	a flat oven-baked Italian bread product similar in style and texture to pizza doughs. It may be topped with herbs or other ingredients.
Fops	a man who is concerned with his clothes and appearance in an affected and excessive way; a dandy.
Fore and Aft	In, at, or toward both ends of a ship.
Foretop	a platform around the head of the lower section of a sailing ship's foremast.
Fortnums	Fortnums and Mason, a grocery (now department) store established in 1707. Famed for its loose leaf tea.
Frammistan	Often said as framistat; A nonsense word invented by a radio comedian of the 1940s, meaning a (usually technical) part of some machine or device that he didn't really understand or know the proper name for.
Frigate	a small, high-speed military ship
Furrow	a narrow groove-like or trench-like depression in any surface
Futtocks	each of the curved timber pieces forming the lower part of a ship's frame.
Galley	the compartment of a ship where food is prepared
Gangway	a narrow passage that joins the quarterdeck (raised deck behind the main mast) to the forecabin (upper deck forward of the mast) of a sailing ship.
Garrett	a usually small and unpleasant room or space area just below the roof of a building
Gnocchi	a small, soft dumpling made from wheat and potato
Grotto	a small cave near water and often flooded or liable to flood at high tide.
Guano	excrement of sea birds
Gunter	a device used in sailing; method for rigging a sail; a set of hoops or parrel beads which secure the gaff loosely to the mast in a vertical position; when the main mast is rigged in this fashion the vessel is referred to as a gunter-rig
Hemp	rope
HMS	Her Majesty's Ship
Jib	a triangular headsail

Jigger	rearrange or tamper with
Kippers and Custard	a small herring, served with custard. It was at one time a common breakfast meal
Knots	how the speed of boats is measured. 1 knot = 1 nautical mile per hour
Leagues	a unit of length which is no longer in use equivalent to 3 nautical miles. Originally meant the distance a person could walk in an hour.
Leviathan	a sea monster referenced in the old testament; has become synonymous with any large sea monster or creature.
Longboat	the largest boat belonging to a sailing vessel
Loop the Loop	an airplane maneuver in which a plane, starting upward, makes one complete vertical loop.
Manacle	a metal band, chain, or shackle for fastening someone's hands or ankles.
Mangroves	a tree or shrub that grows in chiefly tropical coastal swamps that are flooded at high tide. Mangroves typically have numerous tangled roots above ground and form dense thickets.
Manicotti	A cylindrical shaped pasta similar to cannelloni, but larger and usually ridged
Merchant Sailors	Sailors on a trade vessel
Meringue	a delicate dessert made from whipped egg whites and sugar
Minister (to the Queen)	Acts as an instrument or representative of the Queen
Mizzen-Mast	on a ship with more than one mast, second mast, towards the rear of the ship
Montepulciano	a medieval and Renaissance hill town in southern Tuscany
Moo Shoo	moo shu pork consists of sliced or shredded pork chop meat and cabbage, scrambled eggs, stir fried in sesame or peanut oil together with thinly sliced mushrooms (black fungus) and bamboo shoots. Seasoned with minced ginger and garlic, scallions, soy sauce, and rice cooking wine .
Moscat	a wine grape varietal
Natter(ing)	talk casually, especially about unimportant matters; chatter.
Negaroni	An appetif cocktail made from one part gin, one part red vermouth, one part campari and garnished with orange peel
Neverendum	*Blend of neverending and referendum. Coined by Canadian writer Josh Freed in the context of repeated referendums on the secession of Quebec. *The act of putting a referendum initiative on the ballot over and over, on the theory that voters will eventually support the proposition because they don't want to hear about it anymore.
Only Connect	quote from E.M. Forster's <i>Howard's End</i> . Carries two meanings: •One is a call to unite the opposing elements within each person •a call to put the greatest energy into personal relations
Pan	* a combining form meaning "all" * a person's face; word-forming element meaning all, every, whole, all-inclusive * To criticize severely and adversely; derogate harshly; * pan out: to turn out well, be successful * Greek - the god of fields, woods, shepherds, and flocks, usually represented as a man with a goat's legs, horns, and ears. * Pan was considered to be the cause of the sudden fear that sometimes comes for no reason, especially in lonely places. * The ancient Greeks also considered Pan to be the god of theatrical criticism
Pasta Fazool	Pasta e fagioli, or pasta "fazool". A classic Italian dish of beans and short pasta with tomatoes and vegetables
Peer of the Realm	* An appointed position by the Monarch – Duke, Marquis, Earl, Viscount, or Baron * All come with the courtesy title of "Lord", except Duke which is "Your Grace" * A member of the House of Lords
Pewling	to pule (puling); to whine, whimper feebly, as does a fretful or sickly child
Phalanx	is a rectangular mass military formation, usually composed entirely of heavy infantry armed with spears, pikes, sarissas, or similar weapons
Philip Glass	A prolific American composer known for his use of minimalism and repetition. He tends to give rhythm precedence over harmony and melody.
Picaroon	a rogue, vagabond, thief, or brigand; a pirate
Pike	a long thrusting spear with a wooden handle and metal point. The ship board version of the pike was usually slightly shorter than it's land based counterparts. They could be thrown at a target, or held by the sailor while fighting. The boarding pike weighed around six pounds, and was between four to six feet in length. It was a common weapon on board a ship. They were often kept in racks around the base of the ship's mast. Because of their length, they would have been most effective against swords and knives in a boarding action.
Poop Deck (re: long in the poop)	a deck that forms the roof of a cabin built in the rear, or "aft", part of the superstructure of a ship. The name originates from the French word for stern, la poupe, from Latin puppis. Thus the poop deck is technically a stern deck, which in sailing ships was usually elevated as the roof of the stern or "after" cabin, also known as the "poop cabin".
Porpoise	Related to whales and dolphins. Though distinct from dolphins, porpoise is often used to refer to any small dolphin, especially by sailors and fisherman. The most obvious visible difference between the two groups is that porpoises have shorter beaks and flattened, spade-shaped teeth distinct from the conical teeth of dolphins.
Port	Left side of a ship
Posh	Port Out Starboard Home: acronym for wealthy sea travellers who know where the best cabins were located on most vessels.
Prat	an incompetent, stupid, or foolish person; an idiot; a person's buttocks

Primi, Pranzo, Dopo, Gabinetto	2nd course (lots of pasta), Lunch, Later, Toilet ie: first lunch, after, bathroom
Prosciutto	a dry-cured ham that is usually thinly sliced and served uncooked
Red Over White Over Red	Nautical signal using the mast lights that means the vessel's ability to maneuver is restricted and to stay away.
Ruffia	a town in northern Italy; population 337
Salad Days	a period of youthful inexperience and/or indiscretion. More modern definition refers to a person's prime, not necessarily youth. Coined by Shakespeare in Antony and Cleopatra. "... <i>My salad days, When I was green in judgment, cold in blood...</i> "
Sally Lunn	famous tea house located in Bath, England; also refers to a large bun or tea cake made with a yeast dough similar to a sweet brioche, first recorded in 1870
Scampi	Refers to a small crustacean, <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> (Norway Lobster) and sometimes shrimp and prawns. According to the British company Young's Seafood, the name 'scampi' was introduced to Britain in 1946 when they offered <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> to an Italian restaurant in London as a substitute for lobster.
Scotch Salmon	Scotland-caught salmon; salmon prepared with a scotch whiskey sauce
Sea Dog	a very experienced sailor
Shroud	A permanently installed line or cable that leads from the masthead to chainplates on the hull amidship and which can be made taut to support the mast.
Siren Song	an appeal that is difficult to resist but if followed leads to disaster
Sirens	From Greek mythology. Dangerous yet beautiful creatures, portrayed as femmes fatales, who lured nearby sailors with their enchanting music and voices to shipwreck on the rocky coast of their island.
Slough	a town in Berkshire, England; a state of moral degradation or spiritual dejection; a place of deep mud or mire *see also Slough of Despond
Spar	a pole of wood, metal or lightweight materials used as support for the sails, and to resist compressive and bending forces. Wooden ships often carried extra spars of all types for repairs while at sea.
Spark out	completely unconscious (british)
Spleen	The organ thought to be the seat of spirit and courage
Squadron	a unit of military organization; a large group of people or things
Starboard	Right side of a ship
Stem to Stern	the full length of the ship
Sticky Pudding	A steamed dessert of very moist sponge cake made from finely chopped dates, brown sugar, and toffee sauce. Often served with vanilla custard or ice cream.
Swabbers	slang; a sailor, one who swabs (yarn mop)
Swag	plunder or booty
Swashbuckle	engage in daring and romantic adventures with ostentatious bravado or flamboyance. Swashbuckler emerged in the 16th century as a term for pirates and swordsmen
Swot	a British slang term for an inoffensive person who nevertheless offends his peers by giving too much attention to his schoolwork
Tiramisu	a popular coffee-flavoured Italian dessert made of ladyfingers dipped in coffee, layered with a whipped mixture of eggs, sugar and mascarpone cheese, flavoured with cocoa.
Tocai E Dolcetto	sweet wine (sweet little one in Italian)
Too Posh to Push	a person (usually women) who is rich and is used to having things without working for them, including electing to have a c-section instead of a natural childbirth
Trebbiano	a wine grape varietal from Italy; one of the most widely planted in the world
TTFN	ta ta for now
Tuck in	eat food heartily
Twit	A silly or foolish person
Vino Bianco	white wine
Vino Rosso	red wine
Wessex	located in the southwest of England
Whalers	a person or ship engaged in fishing for whales
Whitecaps	a wave with a broken and foaming white crest
Winkle-Pin	an implement for eating periwinkles, a species of small edible snail
Wopsil	•Mr. Wopsil - a character from Great Expectations, with a "deep voice which he was uncommonly proud of" (4.11). He loves the sound of his own voice—so much so that he eventually jets to pursue his love of theater in London. His performances are hilariously awful. •could also be a Stache mistake for Topsail - a sail (or pair of sails) set immediately above the lowermost sail of a mast and supported by a topmast.
Yardarm	the horizontal timbers mounted on the masts, from which the square sails are hung.