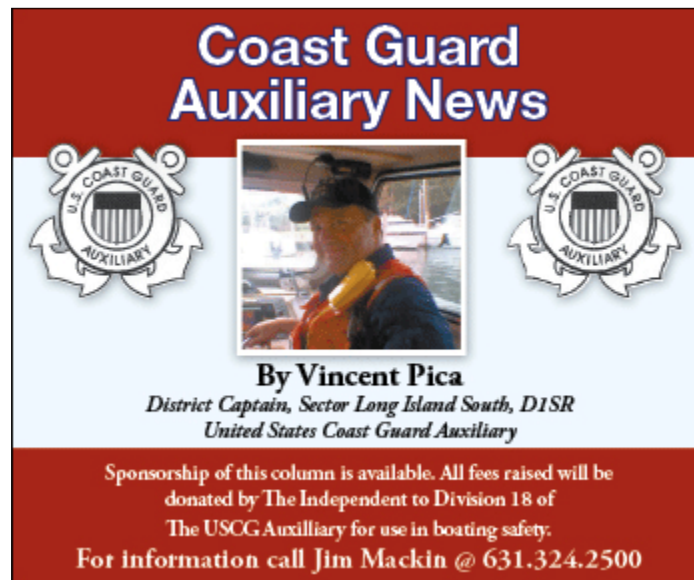


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"Sabby the Lingo?" Maritime Language – XII

As noted prior, each discipline has a language and that language conveys competency to the listener. This column is part of a series of maritime vocabulary words. So you can sound like the salty ol' mariner you are... We'll run enough of these to get the major concepts and phraseology from Alpha to Zulu in front of you!

I - India

International Meaning: I am directing my course to port.

Navy Meaning: Coming alongside.

Meaning in a Sailing Regatta: Round the Ends Starting Rule

- In Irons - A sailboat with its bow pointed directly into the wind, preventing the sails from filling properly and stopping the boat. It can be very difficult to get a boat that is in irons back under sail. also known as "In Stays".
- In Soundings - A vessel is in soundings when she is in sufficiently shallow water for soundings

to be made and used as an aid in the vessel's navigation.

- Inboard - (1) Toward the center of the boat. (2) An engine that is mounted inside the boat.
- Inflatable - A dinghy or raft that can be inflated for use or deflated for easy stowage.
- Inland Rules - Navigation rules governing waters inside designated demarcation zones
- Inland Waters - Term referring to lakes, streams, rivers, canals, waterways, inlets, bays, etc.
- International Date Line - The line of longitude 180 degrees opposite Greenwich, England, located in the Pacific that marks the date change
- International Rules - Navigation rules governing waters outside designated demarcation zones
- International Waterways - Consist of international straits, inland and interocean canals and rivers where they separate the territories of two or more nations.
- Intracoastal Waterway - A system of rivers and canals along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of the United States allowing boats to travel along them without having to go offshore.
- Inverter - Electrical power converter; converts square-wave DC current to sine-wave AC current
- Iron Genny - Auxiliary engine
- Isinglass - The clear, soft plastic material used for dodger window panels
- Isobars - Lines drawn on a weather map indicating regions of equal pressure. When the lines are close together, this indicates a rapid change in air pressure, accompanied by strong winds.

J – Juliet

International Meaning: I am on fire and have dangerous cargo; keep clear.

- Jack - The national flag flown on a jackstaff on the bow of naval ships while anchored.
- Jack Lines - Safety lines, usually of flat webbing, that run along the deck between bow and stern used to attach a tether from a safety harness.
- Jack Tar - Nickname for a British naval seaman.
- Jack With a Lantern - Used by some seamen to describe St. Elmo's Fire.

- Jackstaff - A short vertically erected pole at the bow on which the national flag is hoisted on naval ships while at anchor.
- Jacobs Ladder - A rope ladder with wooden steps. A rope ladder, lowered from the deck, as when pilots or passengers come aboard.
- Jaw - The distance between a rope's adjacent strands, giving a measure of the tightness of the lay. The shorter the distance, the harder the lay. When a line has been overused and the lay has become slack, it is said to be slack-jawed.
- Jetsam - Anything thrown overboard; debris, jettisoned items, floating at sea. Goods deliberately thrown overboard from a ship, for example to lighten her if she is in danger, while flotsam refers to goods accidentally lost overboard or which may float up from a hull of a wrecked ship.
- Jettison - To cast overboard or off. To discard something as unwanted or burdensome. Goods or equipment may be jettisoned to lighten a ship in danger.
- Jetty - A man made structure projecting from the shore. May protect a harbor entrance or aid in preventing beach erosion.
- Jib - The foremost sail; a triangular shaped foresail forward of the foremast.
- Jib Sheet - The lines that lead from the clew of the jib to the cockpit and are used to control the jib.
- Jibber the Kibber - The act of decoying a ship ashore by means of false lights.
- Junction Buoy - Also known as a preferred channel buoy. A red and green horizontally striped buoy used in the United States to mark the separation of a channel into two channels. The preferred channel is indicated by the color of the uppermost stripe. Red on top indicates that the preferred channel is to the right as you return, green indicates the left.
- Jury Rig - A temporary repair or replacement using improvised materials and parts.

More in the weeks ahead...!

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