



"Sabby the Lingo?" Maritime Language - XXII

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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! And more of "S" or "Sierra" as we say at sea...

S - Sierra

International Meaning:
Moving astern.
Navy Meaning:
Conducting flag hoist drill.
Meaning in a Sailing Regatta:
Shorten Course.

• **Shackle** - A U-shaped fitting closed with a pin across the open ends, the pin sometimes being threaded at one end and sometimes held in place with a cotter pin, and used to secure sails to lines or fittings, lines to fittings, fittings to fittings, anchors to chain, etc.

• **Shallop** - (1) Small boat for one or two rowers. (2) Small fishing vessel with foresail, boom mainsail, and mizzen trysail.

• **Shank** - The main shaft of an anchor which connects the arms to the anchor ring.

• **She** - All boats are referred to as female. She is at anchor. Her sails are set. She is beautiful.

• **Sheer** - The straight or curved line of the deck line; curvature of the lines of a vessel toward the bow and stern.

• **Sheet** - A line that controls the angle of the sail in its relation to the wind; attached to the clew of a sail to adjust its trim (make the sail the proper shape to catch the wind).

• **Sheet Bend** - [image] - A hitch used to join two ropes. It can be used between lines of different diameters.

• **Shellback** - An old and experienced seaman.

• **Ship** - (1) Generic name for a large sea-going vessel. (2) To take an object aboard, such as cargo, or water. (3) To put items such as oars on the boat when not in use.

• **Ship's Bells** - The watches aboard ship change at 4, 8, and 12 around the clock. A watch lasts four hours and at each half hour during the watch, a bell is struck. For instance, at 12:30 a.m. there is one bell for the first half hour after midnight; at 1:00 a.m. there are two bells for the two half hours, and at 4:00 a.m. eight bells for the eight half hours passed. This sequence is repeated for each new watch. See Bells.

• **Ship's Stability** - The seaworthiness of a ship regarding the centrifugal force which enables her to remain upright.

• **Shipmaster** - A person in command of a ship. A person certified as competent to command a ship. A master mariner.

• **Shipwright** - A ship builder, or one who works about a ship. Does wood carpentry on the ship and keeps ships faired. Builds launching ways and launches ship.

• **Side Lights** - Green and red lights on the starboard and port sides of the boat required for navigation at night. Each light is supposed to be visible through an arc of 112.5°, beginning from directly ahead of the boat to a point 22.5° aft of the beam.

• **Single Sideband** - A type of radio carried on a boat to transmit long distances.

• **Sirens** - Mythical sea nymphs who charmed men with their melodious voices. Enchanted, the men would stop all work to listen and they would ultimately die of starvation because of their inability to sail any further.

• **Sixteen Bells** - Eight double strokes on ship's bell; customarily struck at midnight when new year commences.

• **Skeg** - An extension of the keel for protection of propeller and rudder.

• **Slack Away** - To let out a line

• **Slack Tide or Slack Water** - A short period at the turn of the tide. The time between flood and ebb tides when there is no current flow.

• **Smartly** - A rate of action. In this case, quickly.

• **Smelling the Ground** - Said of a vessel when her keel is close to the bottom and all but touching it.

• **Snub** - To stop the running out of a line by taking a turn around a cleat, piling, etc.; to suddenly stop or secure a line. A ship with too much way can be snubbed by letting an anchor go.

• **Sole** - Cabin or salon deck or floor; the inside deck of the ship

• **South Wind, Southerly Wind** - Wind coming from the south.

• **Spill** - To spill the sails is to take the wind out of the sails, either by heading up into the wind, or by easing the sheets to the point where the sails can hold no wind.

• **Spooning** - Running directly before wind and sea.

• **Spring Line** - A dock line leading forward or aft, to prevent a vessel from moving ahead or astern. The after bow spring line is attached near the bow and runs aft, where it is attached to the dock. The forward quarter spring line is attached to the quarter of the boat, and runs forward, being attached to the dock near the bow of the boat.

• **Spring Tides** - The tides found during a New Moon or Full Moon. They run the strongest and are the highest and lowest tides experienced in the tidal cycle.

More in the weeks ahead...!

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FISHING WITH TONY

NOR'EASTER SPARKS OFF STRIPED BASS

In the fishing world when things become stagnant, change is always for the better. And this past week's low tropical depression did just that as stripers binged on hapless baitfish exiting the nearby south shore inlets.

Nor'easters, as violent as they may be will often give fishing a shot in the arm as it pushes cold water from the deep blue onto our coastline, which can move game and baitfish around and stir quite a feeding frenzy. In addition, nor'easters will rile up the ocean front surfs to a point where countless amounts of sea clams will crack and tumble ashore making for a natural chum slick for species such as stripers, blues and weakfish, which proves beneficial for both boaters and suds surfers alike.

From Fire Island through Shinnecock Inlets this past week surfcasters reaped the benefits of the fall harvest as pods of stripers paid visit to much of the shoreline at one point or another. The Smith Point Pavilion and Ponquogue Beach was a couple of highlights and anglers tossing fresh whole clams or casting chicken scratch Bomber plugs were rewarded with linesiders to 30 pounds. Boatman drifting live eels just inside the breakwaters of the inlets joined on the fun as well with some bass tipping the scales towards the 40 pound mark.

As you read this, seas have settled down and the hunt for giant bass and blues will be the target for most boaters this weekend as the gamester's peak at their migratory run. Anglers trolling wire lined umbrella rigs and spoons as well as diamond jigging will surely enjoy plenty of fast pace action.

Along the north shore, last weeks storm had woke up and has become a lull period on the blackfish bite. In spite of ideal conditions, tog fishing had become quite a challenge for area party and charter boats. The Port Jeff open boats seen large crowds and minimal results on the blackfish front; however, as of this writing the tog action has resumed back to normal with plenty of fish to 11 pounds once again hitting the decks.

If it's bass or blues you desire from this part of the earth, you're in luck. The area just east of buoy 11 is still the center of torrid bluefish action as well as plenty of school size bass that will greedily accept diamond jigs and chunk baits descending to the bottom.

Tides for Moriches Inlet starting with December 2, 2009

Day	High/Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Sunrise/Sunset	Moon Time	% Moon Visible
Wed. 2	High	6:08 AM	3.6	6:57 AM	Set 7:27 AM	99
	Low	12:45 PM	-0.3	4:24 PM	Rise 4:36 PM	
	High	6:42 PM	2.9			
Thu. 3	Low	12:37 AM	-0.2	6:58 AM	Set 8:30 AM	99
	High	6:55 AM	3.7	4:24 PM	Rise 5:43 PM	
	Low	1:34 PM	-0.4			
	High	7:32 PM	2.9			
Fri. 4	Low	1:28 AM	-0.2	6:59 AM	Set 9:23 AM	96
	High	7:45 AM	3.6	4:24 PM	Rise 6:58 PM	
	Low	2:23 PM	-0.4			
	High	8:27 PM	2.9			
Sat. 5	Low	2:20 AM	-0.2	7:00 AM	Set 10:07 AM	91
	High	8:40 AM	3.5	4:23 PM	Rise 8:15 PM	
	Low	3:13 PM	-0.3			
	High	9:26 PM	2.9			
Sun. 6	Low	3:13 AM	-0.1	7:01 AM	Set 10:43 AM	83
	High	9:39 AM	3.4	4:23 PM	Rise 9:31 PM	
	Low	4:04 PM	-0.2			
	High	10:27 PM	2.9			
Mon. 7	Low	4:10 AM	0.0	7:02 AM	Set 11:14 AM	73
	High	10:39 AM	3.2	4:23 PM	Rise 10:44 PM	
	Low	5:00 PM	-0.2			
	High	11:25 PM	2.9			
Tus. 8	Low	5:15 AM	0.1	7:03 AM	Set 11:41 AM	62
	High	11:37 AM	3.1	4:23 PM	Rise 11:55 PM	
	Low	6:01 PM	-0.1			
Wed. 9	High	12:22 AM	3.0	7:04 AM	Set 12:07 PM	51
	Low	6:27 AM	0.2	4:23 PM		
	High	12:34 PM	2.9			
	Low	7:01 PM	-0.1			
Thu. 10	High	1:19 AM	3.0	7:04 AM	Rise 1:04 AM	40
	Low	7:35 AM	0.2	4:23 PM	Set 12:32 PM	
	High	1:31 PM	2.7			
	Low	7:57 PM	-0.1			
Fri. 11	High	2:16 AM	3.1	7:05 AM	Rise 2:13 AM	29
	Low	8:36 AM	0.1	4:24 PM	Set 1:00 PM	
	High	2:31 PM	2.7			
	Low	8:49 PM	-0.1			
Sat. 12	High	3:12 AM	3.2	7:06 AM	Rise 3:21 AM	20
	Low	9:31 AM	0.1	4:24 PM	Set 1:30 PM	
	High	3:30 PM	2.6			
	Low	9:37 PM	-0.1			