

Island: Shipwreck Vocabulary

Aft	Toward the stern or rear of the ship
Anchor	An object designed to grip the ground, under a body of water to hold the boat in a selected area
Astern	Behind the boat
Bail	To remove water from the boat
Bilge	The lower part of a boat, designed to collect water that enters the boat
Birth	Beds
Boom	The horizontal spar, which the foot of a sail is attached to
Bow	The front of the boat
Bowsprit(Bowspirt)	A spar extending forward from the bow
Bulkheads	Another word for walls
Cabin	The bedroom
Cockpit	The area, below deck level, that is somewhat more protected than the open deck, from which the tiller or wheel is handled
Chart	A map displaying various graphic representations
Compass	An instrument whose magnetized metal needle aligns itself with the magnetic fields of the earth
Deck	Floors on a ship
Dock	The area a boat rests in when attached to a pier
Fore	The front part of the ship
Forward	Toward the bow of the boat
Foremast	The forward mast of a boat with more than one mast
Foresail	The jib

Galley	The kitchen
Gunwale	The railing of the boat at deck level
Halyard	The line used to raise or lower the sail
Head	The top of the sail; also known as the bathroom
Helm	The tiller or wheel, and surrounding area
Hull	The outer body or shell of a vessel, floating partially immersed in water and supporting the remainder of the vessel
Jib	A foresail, a triangle shaped sail forward of the mast
Keel	A fin down the centerline of the bottom of the hull
Mainmast	On ships with two or more masts, it is the second mast
Mainsheet	The line that controls the boom
Mast	The vertical pole usually made of wood or metal that supports the sails
Outhaul	The line that adjusts tension along the foot of the sail along the boom
Port	The left side of the boat
Rigging	The standing rigging is the mast and support lines, running rigging is the lines with which you adjust the sails
Rudder	A fin under the stern of the boat used in steering
Starboard	The right side of the ship
Stern	The back of the boat
Swabbing the Deck	Mopping the floors
Winch	A metal drum shaped device used to assist in trimming sails