***Nautical Terms***

If you have ever wanted to appear a bit “Saltier” than you really are perhaps the "daffynitions" below will help you.

**Amidships** - condition of being surrounded by boats.

**Anchor** - a device designed to bring up mud samples from the bottom at inopportune or unexpected times.

**Anchor Light** - a small light used to discharge the battery before daylight.

**Berth** - a little addition to the crew.

**Boom** - sometimes the result of a surprise jibe.

**Bottom Paint** - what you get when the cockpit seats are freshly painted.

**Chart** - a type of map which tells you exactly where you are aground.

**Companionway** - a double berth.

**Dead Reckoning** - a course leading directly to a reef.

**Deadrise** - getting up to check the anchor at 0300.

**Deviation** - any departure from the Captain's orders.

**Dinghy** - the sound of the ship's bell.

**Displacement** - when you dock your boat and can't find it later.

**Estimated Position** - a place you have marked on the chart where you are sure you are not.

**First Mate** - Crewmember necessary for skippers to practice shouting instructions to.

**Foul Wind** - breeze produced by flying turkey.

**Freeboard** - food and liquor supplied by the owner.

**Headway** - what you are making if you can't get the toilet to work.

**Heave-Ho** - what you do when you've eaten too much Ho.

**Keel** - term used by 1st mate after too much heel by skipper.

**Landlubber** - anyone on board who wishes he/she were not.

**Latitude** - the number of degrees off course allowed a guest.

**Mast** - religious ritual used before setting sail.

**Mizzen** - an object you can't find.

**Ram** - an intricate docking maneuver sometimes used by experienced skippers.

**Rhumb Line** - two or more crew-members waiting for a drink.

**Sheet** - cool, damp, salty night covering.

**Shroud** - equipment used in connection with a wake.

**Starboard** - special board used by skippers for navigation (usually with "Port" on the opposite side.)

**Swell** - a wave that's just great.

**Square Rigger** - a rigger over 30.