

Common Lingo

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List of terms/lingo you might hear/want to use.

Taken mostly from the Seadogs FB page

***SHIP SPECIFIC*:**

"Port" = Left

"Starboard" = Right

"Fore" = Front

"Aft" = Back

"Aloft" = overhead / in the rigging

"Colors" = Flag

***Sayings*:**

"Ahoy" = Hello

"Chantey" = Song

"Hold" = Stop what you're doing NOW...and typically also implied to then pay attention to whomever called for the Hold.

"Stand Fast" = "Hold" but get ready to do something.

"Lay On" = Start or Continue.

"Mundane" - Modern or non-event. Some refer to this as 'real-world'.

"Boffers" - Padded Fighting Equipment. Normally made out of pvc, foam and ducktape.

"Live Steel" - Real swords/daggers

"Dragon" - Car/Truck

"Broken Cup/Mug/Tankard" - Your drinking container is needing refilled "My cup is broken, can you fix it?"

"Ugly Mug" - various alcohols in one vessel, usually doesn't taste good.

"Pocket Dragon" - lighter

"Bard in a Box" - radio

"Dry/Damp/Wet Site" - alcoholic beverage policies at the event.

"Garb" - Peiroid Clothing

"Naked" - Someone in normal mundane clothes

"Peace Tie" - Cording or wire around the hilt of a sword/dagger to prevent it from being unsheathed

"Clear" - Said when drawing live steel

***Places*:**

"Pavilion" = Tent or covered area

"Gate" = Where you pay and sign to get into the event.

"Scuttlebutt" = Information Booth.

"Ship / Household" = Group of people who camp together.

"Merchant's Row" = Eventing version of a strip mall.

"Erik / War Field" = Where there is peiroid combat or many other competitions.

"Biffy" (a.k.a: Privy, Biffs, Privs, etc.) = Restrooms. "Perma-" as a prefix of course means that they are actual structures on the event site and usually have running water.

***Key Terms and Titles for People at Events*:**

"AUTOCRAT" = Person(s) hosting or in charge of the event.

"CHIURGEON" = Medical personnel.

"CONSTABLE" (Constab) = Security.

"MARSHALL" = Referee for games and tournaments.

"HARBOR MASTER / LAND'O'CRAT" = Person(s) who are in charge of, or best to talk to about, where to set up your camp.

"MERCHANTCRAT" = Same as Harbor Master but for Merchants.

"MERCHANTS" = The lovely people selling things in booths.

"CAPTAIN / ADMIRAL / COMMODORE / Etc" = Heads of ships, households or more than one camp depending on title. (captain: must have one ship at their command, admiral: must have two or more ships {a fleet} at their command)

"HERALD / CRIER" = Person(s) shouting announcements to deliver important information for all to hear such as when combat will start in the Erik.

"BARD" = Entertainer. Of all types: Singers, musicians, dancers, performance artists.

"VIRGIN/NOOBIE" (Tourney Virgin)= New to Eventing,.... Or they could actually be a virgin, seek clarification when uncertain.

"Smalls"- Children

"BEDWARMER" - Companion for the night to keep you warm.

"TOWNIE" - Someone from the local mundane community, normally not participating.

****There are of course many variations to most of these. So really, when in doubt ask. One looks less foolish when asking, than misspeaking.****