

HELPFUL HINTS AND TIPS

COMMON LINGO IN THE SEA DOG NATION

A

“Autocrat” = Person(s) hosting or in charge of the event.
“Aft” = Back
“Aloft” = Overhead / in the rigging
“Ahoy” = Hello

B

“Bard” = Entertainer of all types
“Bard in a Box” = Radio or stereo, also called “canned music” sometimes.
“Bedwarmer” = Companion for the night to keep you warm.
“Belay” = Wait.
“Biffy / Privy / Biffs / Privs” = Restrooms
“Broken Cup/ Mug/ Tankard” = Your drinking container is needing refilled “My cup is broken, can you fix it?”
“Boffers” = Padded Fighting Equipment. Normally made out of pvc, foam and duct tape.

C

“Captain / Admiral / Commodore” = 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). Camps may use other lingo in place of these at their choosing.
“Chirurgion” = Medical personnel.
“Chantey” = Song
“Charter Ship” = A group of 12 people minimum camping together. Charter Ships pledge a certain amount of hours of volunteer time from crew members to get a group discount on admission to events.
“Clear” = This should be announced when drawing live steel.
“Colors” = Flags, banners, belt favors, or patches with a group’s distinctive design.
“Consent” = Permission for something to happen or agreement to do something. This is mostly brought up when speaking about sex, but it also involves any physical contact as well as shared food/drink or other substances. Consent is mandatory.
“Constable / Constab” = Security.

D

“Dragon” = A car or other automobile in camp.
“Dry/Damp/Wet Site” = Alcoholic beverage policies at the event.
“Dock” = A stretch of boardwalk at events featuring some of the finest Ships in the SeaDog Nation. See the Harbormaster before events to sign your Ship up for placement. The requirements include at least one mast.
“Dog of the Sea” = A yearly competition where persons of renown may complete challenges and tasks while campaigning for the support. Winners become Knights of the Sea Dog Nation for life.

E

“Erik / War Field” = Where there is period combat or many other competitions.

F

“Fore” = Front
“Footpad” = A ship or household’s representative to the Thieves Guild.

G

“Galley” = This is where most of our food vendors gather in one particular area of the event, here you can find some shade and seating to enjoy your meal.
“Garb” = Periodic or otherwise distinctive clothing.
“Gate” = Where you pay and sign to get into the event. Also, this may be the entrance to a ship, where you would ask “permission to come aboard?” to obtain permission before entering.
“Governor” = A mostly ceremonial, appointed role in the Sea Dog Nation.

H

“Harbormaster / Land O’crat” = Person(s) who are in charge of, or best to talk to about, where to set up your camp.
“Herald / Crier” = Person(s) shouting announcements to deliver important information for all to hear such as when games and events begin.
“Hold” = Stop what you’re doing NOW...and typically also implied to then pay attention to whomever called for the Hold.

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L

“Large Encampment” = A group of 15 people minimum camping together. Large Encampments pledge a certain amount of hours of volunteer time from crew members to get a group discount on admission to events.

“Lay On” = Start or continue.

“Live Steel” = Real blades.

M

“Marshall” = Referee for games and tournaments.

“Mast” = A tall upright post, spar, or other structure on a Ship, generally carrying a sail or sails.

“Merchants” = The lovely people selling things in booths or wandering with wares. No vendor fee is required for in-game currency sales.

“Merchant O’cra” = Same as Harbor Master but for Merchants.

“Merchant’s Row” = Eventing version of a strip mall.

“Mundane” = Modern or non-event. Some refer to this as “real-world”.

N

“Naked” = Someone in normal mundane clothes.

P

“Pocket Dragon” = lighter

“Pavilion” = Tent or covered area.

“Party Compass / Party Circle” = A concentration of ships or households that host parties Saturday night at Tortuga yearly. Ships may get involved by reaching out to staff.

“Party Wedge” = A ship or household that is hosting one of the 8 Party Compass parties. Wedges will compete in food, drink, and entertainment in order to win seating on the thrones of the Sea Dog Nation by making members of their crew the King and Queen of Tortuga.

“Peace Tie” = Cording or wire around the hilt of a blade to prevent it from being unsheathed.

“Perma-” = As a prefix it means that they are actual permanent structures on the event site, and usually have running water.

“Port” = Left

S

“Scuttlebutt” = Information booth, as well as the lost and found for the Sea Dog Nation.

“Ship / Household / Crew / Tribe” = Group of people who camp together or affiliate with each other in some way in-game. Unless using the term loosely, a camp must usually feature some sort of mast to call themselves a Ship and begin to qualify for possible placement on The Dock.

“Slave” = A person that has agreed to perform a set of legal services for an in-game auction winner for a set time. The arrangement is at will, and can be voided at any time.

“Smalls” = Children

“Stand Fast” = “Hold” but get ready to do something.

“Starboard” = Right

T

“Tablero / Tablotto / Tablammo” = A drinking game usually involving, a board with a 7x7 grid, and 7 shot glasses. Rules may vary depending on who is hosting the game.

“Thieves Guild” = An opt-in, capture the flag style game where you must protect an item in your camp and use stealth and strategy to obtain items from other camps involved. Search #ThievesguildofSDN on Facebook for more information on joining. Not an official SDN game.

“Townie” = Someone from the local mundane community, normally not participating.

U

“Ugly Mug” = Various alcohols in one vessel, usually doesn’t taste good.

V

“Vessel” = Any method of transport for persons or spirits, most commonly used as a name for a mug or cup for your drink.

“Virgin / Noobie” = New to eventing or to a particular game.