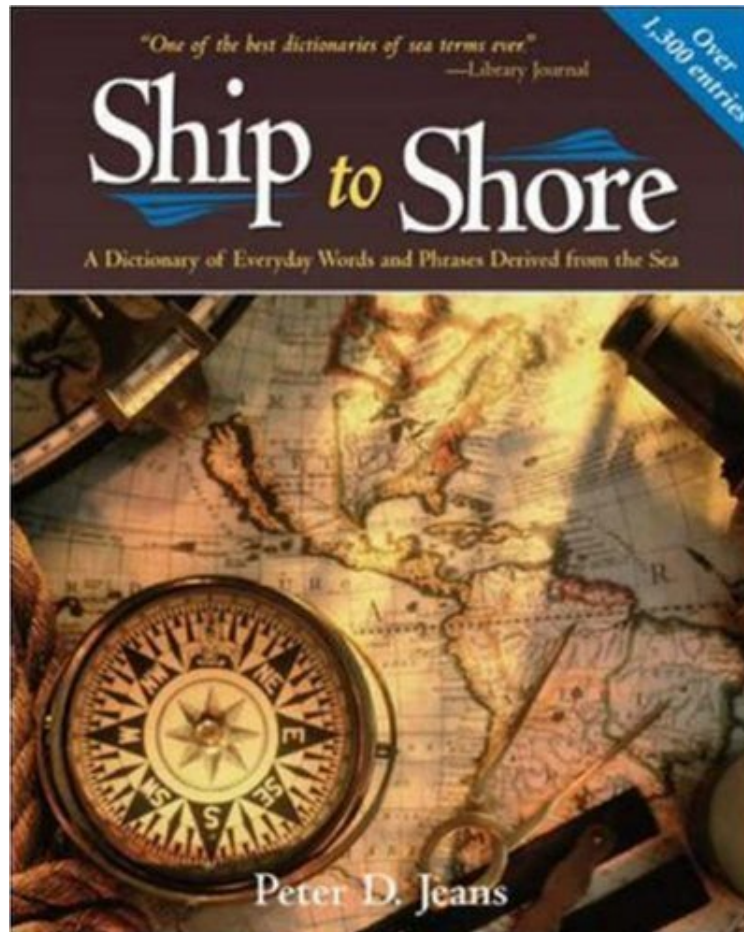


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"One of the best dictionaries of sea terms ever." -- Library Journal From the Inside Flap We All Talk Like Sailors Have you ever found yourself "in deep water" because you got tired of "bowing and scraping" or listening to "flimsy" excuses? Have you ever "barged in" like a "blowhard" where you weren't wanted and "let the cat out of the bag"? Have you ever tried to keep a "touch-and-go" project "on an even keel" even though your "fair-weather" coworkers were deserting like "rats from a sinking ship"? Have you ever tried and failed to make "heads or tails" of the advice of a "fly-by-night" consultant or seen your work go "down the hatch"? Ever felt like you've "hit rock bottom" or reached "the bitter end"? Well, "press on," mate, because no matter how low you sink, you're not "breaking new ground." "By and large," no matter how bad it feels, untold generations of sailors have been there "off and on" before you, and if you'll just "rummage around" in this wonderful book, you'll see that they invented the language we all resort to when we're in "dire straits" and there's "the devil to pay." You may never escape these "trying times," but don't let it "overwhelm" you. At least you know how to talk like a sailor! And when you "tackle" this book, you'll plunge "full steam ahead" into the rich and wonderful lore of the sea. Yes, now that you've "gotten wind of" *Ship to Shore*, there are "free and easy" hours ahead. The "coast is clear." Your ship has just come in. "Peter Jeans is a wonderful writer; his prose is fluid and punctuated with wry humor. . . . *Ship to Shore* is an entertaining browse for all word-lovers and armchair sailors." Bloomsbury Peter Jeans began his love affair with seafaring lore more than forty years ago. A sometime adventurer, English teacher, and columnist, he is also an avid sailor and writer whose books include *Seafaring Lore and Legend: A Miscellany of Maritime Myth, Superstition, Fable, and Fact*. From the Back Cover We All Talk Like Sailors Have you ever found yourself in deep water because you got tired of bowing and scraping or listening to flimsy excuses? Have you ever barged in like a blowhard where you weren't wanted and let the cat out of the bag? Have you ever tried to keep a touch-and-go project on an even keel even though your fair-weather coworkers were deserting like rats from a sinking ship? Have you ever tried and failed to make heads or tails of the advice of a fly-by-night consultant or seen your work go down the hatch? Ever felt like you've hit rock bottom or reached the bitter end? Well, press on, mate, because no matter how low you sink, you're not breaking new ground. By and large, no matter how bad it feels, untold generations of sailors have been there off and on before you, and if you'll just rummage around in this wonderful book, you'll see that they invented the language we all resort to when we're in dire straits and there's the devil to pay. You may never escape these trying times, but don't let it overwhelm you. At least you know how to talk like a sailor! And when you tackle this book, you'll plunge full steam ahead into the rich and wonderful lore of the sea. Yes, now that you've gotten wind of *Ship to Shore*, there are free and easy hours ahead. The coast is clear. Your ship has just come in. "Peter Jeans is a wonderful writer; his prose is fluid and punctuated with wry humor. . . . *Ship to Shore* is an entertaining browse for all word-lovers and armchair sailors." Bloomsbury Peter Jeans began his love affair with seafaring lore more than forty years ago. A sometime adventurer, English teacher, and columnist, he is also an avid sailor and writer whose books include *Seafaring Lore and Legend: A Miscellany of Maritime Myth, Superstition,*

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