



"Sabby the Lingo?" Maritime Language - XXVI

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As noted prior, each discipline has a language and that language conveys competency to the listener. This column is part of a series of maritime vocabulary words. So you can sound like the salty ol' mariner you are... We'll run enough of these to get the major concepts and phraseology from Alpha to Zulu in front of you!



U - Uniform
International
Meaning:
You are running into danger.

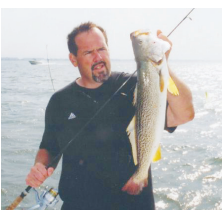
- **Ullage** - (1) An old term to denote a lazy sailor who is of little use on the ship. (2) Damaged goods, especially provisions.
- **Unbend** - To cast adrift.
- **Under Bare Poles** - Having no sails up. In heavy weather the windage of the mast and other spars can still be enough to move the boat.
- **Under the Lee** - On the lee side of an object, protected from the wind.
- **Under Foot** - Said of anchor when it is under ship's forefoot, and cable is nearly up and down.
- **Undertow** - Strong offshore current extending to the shore.
- **Underway** - Not attached to the shore or the ground in any manner. Usually, but not necessarily, moving through or making way through the water.

- **Unfurl** - To unfold or unroll a sail. The opposite of furl.
 - **Unmoor** - To cast off hawsers by which a vessel is attached to a buoy or wharf.
 - **Unreeve** - To run a line completely through and out of a block, fairlead, etc.
 - **Unrig** - To remove or disassemble gear after it is used.
 - **Unseaworthiness** - The state or condition of a vessel when it is not in a proper state of maintenance, or if the loading equipment or crew, or in any other respect is not ready to encounter the ordinary perils of sea.
 - **Unship** - To remove from a ship. To remove an item from its place.
 - **Up and Down** - Said of cable when it extends vertically and taut from anchor to hawsepipe.
 - **Upper Deck** - The highest continuous deck which runs the full length of the ship without a fall or interruption.
 - **Upwind** - To windward, in the direction of the eye of the wind; toward the wind; in the direction from which the wind is coming.
- V - Victor**
International
Meaning:
I require assistance.
- **V-Berth** - Usually the forward berth of the boat, located in the bow.
 - **V-Bottom** - A hull with the bot-



- tom section in the shape of a "V."
- **Van** - The leading ship, or ships, in a fleet or squadron.
- **Vane** - A small flag placed at the mast head to show wind direction.
- **Vang** - A control line, usually a multi-purchase tackle, secured to the boom to prevent it from lifting. Can also apply to other spars, such as gaffs.
- **Variation** - Magnetic variation. The difference, east or west, between magnetic north and true north, measured as an angle. Magnetic variation varies in different geographic locations.
- **Vector** - A line drawn to indicate both the direction and magnitude of a force, such as leeway or a current.
- **Veer** - A shifting of the wind direction, opposite of backing. Clockwise in the northern hemisphere, counter-clockwise in the southern hemisphere.
- **Velocity Made Good** - Also VMG. Actual boat speed after adjusting for such factors as current and leeway.
- **Ventilator** - A device for furnishing fresh air to compartments below deck or exhausting foul air. Construction designed to lead air below decks. May have a cowl, which can be angled into or away from the wind; and may be constructed with baffles, so that water is not allowed below, as in a Dorade ventilator.

- **Venture** - An enterprise in which there is a risk of loss.
 - **Vertical Clearance** - The distance between the water level at chart datum and an overhead obstacle such as a bridge or power line.
 - **Vessel** - A general term for a floating craft that carries passengers, cargo or both.
 - **VHF Radio** - An electronic communications or direction finding system which uses Very High Frequency radio waves. VHF radios are the most common communications radio carried on boats, but their range is usually limited to line of sight between the transmitting and receiving stations.
 - **Vice Admiral** - A naval rank next below that of admiral.
 - **Vigia** - Uncharted navigational danger that has been reported but has not been verified by survey.
 - **Visual Fix** - A fix taken by visually observing the location of known landmarks.
 - **Voyage** - A journey made at sea by a vessel, usually including both the outbound and homebound passages. More in the weeks ahead!
- BTW, if you are interested in being part of USCG Forces, email me at JoinUSCGAux2008@aol.com or go direct to Lisa Etter, who is in charge of new members matters, at FSO-PS@emcg.us and we will help you "get in this thing..."



by TONY SALERNO

FISHING WITH TONY

JUST PICK UP A ROD AND GO

With the season's striped bass debut less than a week old and the curtain call on blackfish less than two weeks away, now is the time to hit the water. Then again, if the duo is not enough to tickle your fancy, there is always a decent pick of spring flounder to keep you on your toes, at least until the arrival of bluefish and fluke by the middle of next month.

In fact, since the April 1st opener, flounder fishing got off to a pretty good start, particularly inside the Quogue Canal where flounder pounders chumming the deeper holes between the first and second bridges are being rewarded with limits of the black backs to 3 pounds. Worms and bank mussels have been the keys with plenty of chum. In case you aren't aware, the newest regulation this year is 2 flounder per person per day. The size is 12 inches or better from April 1st through May 30th. Therefore, if you put a limit in the cooler early enough in the day, you can always pursue strippers.

Striper action is as good as can be expected for this early in the season with some of the better scores being produced in Shinnecock Bay around the Ponquogue Bridge, Narrows Bay near the Smith Point Bridge along the south shore and inside Stony Brook Harbor and the Nissequogue River up along the north shore. Tsunami Swim Shads and one ounce Rat-L-Traps have been the go-getters in the early going. Anglers persistent on using natural bait will find tape and sandworms will do the job on the north side of the island while the south shore squad will fare well with either fresh clam or fresh caught bunker.

Blackfish have been slow to start so far this season in spite of the weather. Along the north shore Captain Desmond O'Sullivan of the Port Jeff based open boat the Celtic Quest has been experiencing a slow pick on the togs so far this season; however, that should change dramatically any day now as the Sound waters continue to warm up. Despite the tough fishing, the pool fish on the Quest are averaging between 7 and 8 pounds on a daily basis. Along the south shore, both the Moriches and Shinnecock reefs are producing a few togs up to 6 pounds. Keep in mind that these blackfish are mostly females and are full of roe and getting ready to spawn. Please practice self-restraint by returning these ladies unharmed to insure this fishery for years to come.



County Clerk Update

by SUFFOLK COUNTY CLERK

JUDY PASCALE

COUNTY CLERK FIRST QUARTER'S REVENUE UP IN 2010

Suffolk County Clerk Judy Pascale today released the First Quarter 2010 revenue report which highlights an increase in revenue from the same period in 2009.

According to the report, the first quarter revenue in the County Clerk's Office increased by 57% to \$65,533,181.08.

"Total revenue in 2009 reached the lowest we've seen in the County Clerk's Office in over a decade. If the first quarter revenue is indicative of future revenues in 2010, we might realize 2009 as the very bottom in terms of revenue," stated County Clerk Judy Pascale.

The revenue increase was due in most part to an increase in mortgage and deed recordings, which rose from 31,751 in 2009 to 41,395 in 2010. This also correlated to large increases in New York State Mortgage Tax, New York State Transfer Tax and Peconic Bay Community Preservation Fund Tax.

New York State Mortgage Tax, a one percent tax on mortgaged money, increased by 20% to \$23,305,054. New York State Transfer Tax, a quarter percent tax on the purchase price of property, rose by 94% to \$14,225,217. Peconic Bay Community Preservation Fund Tax, a two percent tax on the purchase price of property in Suffolk County's five east end towns, increased by 149% to \$15,589,689.

Revenues collected and attributable to Suffolk County's General Fund also increased by 35% to \$3,524,189.

Nearly all other records filed or issued by the County Clerk's Office remained consistent. There were 4,391 new businesses started, 32,604 judgments were filed and 153 U.S. Passports were issued.

"While the first quarter 2010 revenues are much stronger than in 2009, they should be used cautiously when trying to evaluate the real estate market moving forward. Hopefully, this is a sign of good things to come, but only time will tell," concluded Pascale.