



Glossary

A glossary is a noun. It is an alphabetical list of terms or words found in or relating to a specific subject, text, or dialect, with explanations. It is like a short dictionary. Here is a glossary of sailing words. Write a short paragraph about your sailing experience today, using as many of these words as you can.

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| Aft | at the back of the boat |
| Astern | behind the boat |
| Beaufort scale | way of measuring wind strength, from force 1 to force 12 |
| Boom | spar at the bottom edge of the sail |
| Bow | front of the boat |
| Bowline | useful knot with a loop in it |
| Buoy | floating object attached to the bottom of the sea |
| Helm | the person who steers the boat- also the tiller that they steer with |
| Jib | smaller sail in front of the boat |
| Knot | measurement of speed |
| Latitude | imaginary lines running around the globe from east to west |
| Leeward | opposite side to where the wind is blowing |
| Lifejacket | an aid to keep a person afloat and their head above water |
| Longitude | imaginary lines running around the globe from north to south |
| Mast | the spar that the sails are hoisted up on |
| Mizzen | shorter mast at the back of the boat |
| Port | left hand side of the boat (facing forwards) |
| Rudder | attached to the stern and controls the direction of the boat |
| Starboard | right hand side of the boat (facing forward) |
| Stern | back of the boat |
| Tiller | stick attached to the rudder to steer the boat |