



What the Osprey Said

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2005 Marina of the Year,
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Dates to Remember

February 1
Super Bowl XLIX

February 2
Groundhog Day—Is spring weather near or is it six more weeks of winter?

February 14
Happy Valentine's Day
from the Osprey Marine Crew!

February 16
Presidents Day—Many places are closed today, but not the marina.

February Hours
Mon. - Sun. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

We can put your boat on a workrack for maintenance.

Maritime History of Some Popular Nautical Terms

While there are often many stories as to the origin of nautical terms, below you can read some of the most widely accepted explanations for terms boaters use often.

Port and Starboard: The origin of these terms can be traced back to a time when ships were steered with a long paddle called a steering board. Because most men were right-handed, the steering board was placed on the right hand or *steer board side*. This evolved into *starboard side*. With the steering board on the right, it was necessary to put the left side to the dock or port, which became known as the *port side*. The older term for the left side, larboard, sounded too much like starboard when shouted into the wind. So *port side* came into wider use.

Portal: When ships were outfitted for war, holes were cut in the sides to accommodate the cannon. The French word for door is *porte* and the

cannon openings were called *cannon ports*. Eventually the term *portal* came to be used for any opening in the side of a ship.

Head: Early sailing ships did not have any formal restrooms. Instead there was a portion of the forward deck that overhung the water and it was there that sailors relieved themselves. The forward portion of a ship was referred to as the *head of the ship*, thus when sailors went forward to use the overhanging deck, they would simply say they were going to the *head*.

Read the Long Bay Power Squadron's January 2015 Fore 'N Aft News to learn about the history of more nautical terms, such as *having the wind taken out of his sails*, *three sheets to the wind* and *scuttlebutt*.

Source:

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BoatUS Cuts Cost of Online Boating Education for 2015

When cold weather keeps boaters off the water, it's time to move inside and take one of many online boating safety courses offered by the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water, US Power Squadrons and Offshore Sailing School partners. Accessible by computer, tablet or smartphone, the series of no-cost and tuition-based courses (discounted for 2015) give families time to brush up on their boating knowledge, get more confident, meet their state's boating safety course requirements or even qualify them for a boat insurance

discount. In addition to 33 individual, no cost, state-approved boating safety courses, BoatUS offers the following:

Learn to Sail
Weather for Boaters
Clean Boating Course
DCS-VHF Radio Tutorial
Boating on Rivers, Lakes and Locks

Use this time indoors to your boating advantage and sign up today for an online course.

Source: www.BoatUS.org/Courses