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NAUTICAL TRIVIA

by Ginny Hauff



- Do you know why fish are slimy? Fish secrete a type of mucus from their skin. This slime coating is important because it provides protection against parasites and diseases, covers wounds to prevent infection and helps fish move through the water faster. Some species release toxins in their slime which ward off attacking creatures, while others use their slime to feed their young.
- Do you know that the world's largest lake trout was caught on the Saskatchewan end of Lake Athabasca, Canada, and weighed in at 102 pounds?
- Do you know the Blue whale's whistle is the loudest noise made by an animal?
- Do you know more people are killed by bee stings than by shark attacks?
- Do you know sharks are fish? However, they do not have bones like other fish. Their skeleton is made of cartilage. This is the same bendable material that is in your ears!
- Do you know a shark's hunger can be satisfied with one good meal? The meal can last a long time because a shark uses little energy to swim. Some sharks hold food in their stomachs without its being digested. If they eat a big meal, it can last three or more months!
- Do you know the fastest human swimmer can swim at 6 miles per hour? The fastest mammal - the dolphin - can swim up to 35 miles per hour.
- Do you know what fish can walk on land? The climbing perch can. This amazing fish, native to India, can walk on land in search of water when its water hole dries up.