



Nautical Trivia by Ginny Hauff



1. Did you know that the first yacht club was established in Cork, Ireland in 1720?

2. Did you know that the U.S. Coast Guard was established in 1790?

3. Did you know that the U. S. Navy warship; The USS Constitution was built in 1797 and became nicknamed "Old Ironsides"?

4. Did you know that the first U. S. Naval ship to 'round the Cape of Good Hope was The Essex in 1800.

5. Did you know that in 1819, the Savannah was the first steam-powered vessel to cross the Atlantic Ocean?

6. Did you know that there is about 38 times as much salt water

on the earth as there is fresh water?

7. Did you know that the vessel, Charles W. Morgan, built in 1841 is famous as the last wooden whaling ship. It is berthed today at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Ct.

8. Did you know that the first ship to sail to the aid of the 'unsinkable' *Titanic* was the British ship *The Carpathia*?

9. Did you know that the sailfish is reportedly one of the fastest fish in the sea? It can rip off 300 feet of monofilament line in three seconds, equivalent to 68 miles per hour. This velocity is even more impressive when you consider the fact that water is 800 times denser than air.

10. Did you know that halon and carbon dioxide fire extinguishers should be checked annually by their weight?

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