



Nautical Trivia by Ginny Hauff



1. Did you know that the most significant factors to consider as you maneuver your boat back to the trailer are wind/current strength and your ability to compensate appropriately?
2. Did you know that when trailering your boat, unplugging the lights before backing down the ramp could avoid those frequent burn-outs? Cold water and hot lights don't mix well.
3. Did you know that for safe waterskiing it is recommended that a 200 foot wide, unobstructed "ski corridor" at least 2,000 to 3,000 feet long be utilized?
4. Did you know that Carvel construction is a method of boat building in which the side planks are butted together flush and the seams caulked to make a smooth finish?
5. Did you know that the best way to turn a twin-screw vessel is port engine ahead and starboard engine astern?
6. Did you know that when underway at night, you should avoid using white lights? They will temporarily impair your night vision. Recovery from exposure to a bright light may take up to 30 minutes.
7. Did you know that when going downstream or with a strong tidal current, it sometimes becomes difficult to control a vessel's speed and direction? A corrective measure would be to clutch the engines into reverse.
8. Did you know that in different parts of the world tropical storms (winds 64K-plus) are referred to by different names? USA - hurricane, China - typhoon, India - cyclone, and Australia - willy willy.

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