

Nautical Trivia



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1. Did you know when underway at night, avoid using white lights (they will temporarily impair your night vision); recovery from exposure to a bright light may take up to 30 minutes.
2. Did you know occulting lights show a flash at intervals with the period of light longer than the period of darkness?
3. Did you know smoke from exhaust (diesel engine), a faulty injector (excessive fuel) or an overloaded engine will produce black smoke?
4. Did you know an easily towed boarding ladder which has wooden rungs supported by rope on either side is referred to as a Jacob's ladder?
5. Did you know to best turn a twin-screw vessel to the right and about in a narrow channel is to use the port engine ahead, starboard astern?
6. Did you know the first action a skipper should take if he/she senses fog is beginning to form is to fix the vessel position (before landmarks/navigational aids are obscured)?
7. Did you know most minor petroleum spills are caused by human error?
8. Did you know in the Great Lakes a temporary (few minutes to several hours) rise or fall of water may occur and is referred to as "seiche". This fluctuation is typically caused by sudden changes in barometric pressure or strong winds?
9. Did you know a modified-V Hull requires more power than a flat-bottomed boat but less than a full deep-V hull design?

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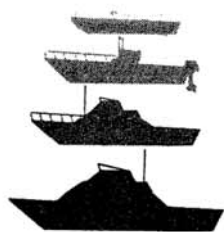


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