

Beaux Eaux's Dictionary of Racing Terms

Adrenalin cure / Instant remedy for hangover. Combine 30 kts wind with waves and a spinnaker broach. Lose skipper overboard.

Butt lag / Reaction time between starting of skipper's mouth and movement of crew's butt.

Butt lag differential / Perceived lag time ranges from +20 minutes at skipper's end to .0000001 seconds at crew end.

Buckshot / Rapid, unintelligible orders, shouted a minimum of 3 times directly into the wind. Results in generalized butt lag.

Freak show / See also *transitional tics*. Impromptu monologue comprising sentences of one word, usually profanity.

Air vent / Incessant grumbling. Usually stuck in open position for duration of downwind leg.

Witness protection program / Temporary amnesia of a third party witness to a rules infraction. Failure to relocate to a secure location may result in *Jury Duty*.

Spam / Unwanted messaging from one or more crew members usually contradictory in content.

Spam and egg / Totally distracting spam received while correcting a spinnaker hourglass or general screw up.

Tooter rooter / Crew member who insists on "reaming you a new one" for every mistake, including his/her own. See also *Rooter Tutor*.

Rooter tutor / A tooter rooter who spouts chapter and verse of *Sailboat Racing for Dummies* while "reaming you a new one".

Fume raider / Boat which skimps on their own gas in order to keep racing weight down, thereby requiring that you double yours in order to tow them to and from the course. May also habitually feign motor malfunction until the last race of the series. (See also *crane racing*).

Crane racing / Obsessive/compulsive disorder resulting from admixture of testosterone, horsepower and unbridled competitiveness.

Hysterical blondeness / Sudden loss of logic, often accompanied by the loss of ability to distinguish port from starboard, all knowledge of the racing rules and basic boating skills.

Simultrans / Skipper issues order and crew member translates into *louder* with delay of one second or less.

Tossed green salad with blue curse dressing / Clearing of weeds from rudder while turning the air blue, rhetorically speaking. (See also *transitional tounettes and salad bar*)

Salad bar / Rudder

Crane dance / A dance performed aft of the thwart characterized by the flailing of arms and legs in apposition alternating with vertical leaps. May be accompanied by glottal sounds similar to choking.

Transitional tounettes / Vocabulary regression that occurs when setting foot on a sailboat. Symptoms may clear up on land, only to reappear in the presence of wind-powered vessels. May lead to a full-blown freak show.

Penalty Pirates / Also known as B-Teams and Hamlet's Mothers as they doth protest much.

Yo-ho Men / Cronies of Penalty Pirates and witnesses whose connection to the infraction is in inverse proportion to the potential for improving their standing.

Modern sailing terms usage

"I needed a **buckshot** net a mile wide to catch what that maniac was shouting. Just when I thought the top of my head was going to blow off, we broached and until that **adrenalin cure**, I was inclined to leave the skipper in the soup until the **freak show** stopped."

"Most of the time I can junk the **spam** but **spam and egg** brings on my **transitional tounettes** and I come this close to a **freak show** of my own."

"I fail to understand why we need **simultrans**. It's a 24 foot boat, not the UN."

"Man, that was the worst case of **hysterical blondeness** I ever saw. And right after he took his portside winch out of his mouth, he went into a **crane dance**."

"After the fifth boat passed us downwind, we made a trip to the **salad bar** and served up enough **tossed green salad** to use a whole bottle of **blue curse dressing**."

"Never turn your back on a **tooter rooter**."

"That **fume raider** must have had a mechanical miracle during the last race because he rocked our world in the **crane race**."

“I was thirty seconds from entering the **witness relocation program** when I got nabbed for **jury duty**. The only thing I remember is that the **Penalty Pirate’s Yo-ho man** wasn’t even on the same leg as us.”

“There is no cure for **butt lag**. Only more butt lag with attitude.”