

A GLOSSARY

OF

NAUTICAL TERMS.

TO WEIGH ANCHOR—is to lift it off the ground and bring it up to the vessel's bows.

WEAR SHIP—is to turn the ship round and go the opposite way to avoid the land in a gale of wind, or at sea to keep as near her course as possible in a heavy gale.

TO LOOSE TOP-SAILS, TOP-GALLANT SAILS and ROYALS, is to open out the sails ready to set, when about to sail.

TOPSAILS are the second sails from the vessel's deck.

TOP-GALLANT-SAILS are the third sails from the vessel's deck.

ROYALS are the fourth sails above the ship's deck; **Sky-sails** are still higher than **Royals**, but they are very seldom used in the present day.

STUDDING SAILS or **Stun-sails** are used in fair winds, and are extended from the vessel's yards by means of what are called booms, or spars of long rounded wood.