

*Rowlock*, the niche in a boat's side, in which the oars are used.

*Rudder*, the machine by which the ship is steered.

*Run*, the aftermost part of a ship's bottom, where it grows extremely narrow as the stern approaches the stern-post.—*Run* is also the distance sailed by a ship; and is likewise used by sailors to imply the agreement to work a single passage from one place to another.

*To run out a warp*, to carry the end of a rope out from a ship, in a boat, and fasten it to some distant object, so that by it the ship may be removed by pulling on it.

*To sag to leeward*, to make considerable lee-way.

*Sailing trim* is expressed of a ship when in the best state for sailing.

*She sands or sends*, when the ship's head or stern falls deep in the trough of the sea.

*Scanting*, the variation of the wind, by which it becomes unfavorable, to a ship's making great progress, as it deviates from being large, and obliges the vessel to steer close-hauled, or nearly so.

*Scud*, to go right before the wind; and going in this direction without any sail set, is called *spooring*.

*Scuttling*, cutting large holes through the bottom or sides of a ship, either to sink her, or to unlade her expeditiously when stranded.

*Sea*, a large wave is so called. Thus they say a *heavy sea*. It implies likewise, the agitation of the ocean; as, a *great sea*. It expresses the direction of the waves; as, a *head sea*. A *long sea* means a uniform and steady motion of long and extensive waves; a *short sea*, on the contrary, is when they run irregularly, broken, and interrupted.

*Sea-boat*, a vessel that bears the sea firmly, without straining her masts, etc.

*Sea-clothes*, jackets, trousers, etc.

*Sea-mark*, a point or object on shore conspicuously seen at sea.

*Sea-room*, a sufficient room distance from the coast or any dangerous rocks, etc., so that a ship may perform all nautical operations without danger of shipwreck.

*Seize*, to bind or make fast.

*Serve*, to wind something about a rope to prevent it from chafing or fretting. The *service* is the thing so wound about the rope.

*Setting*, the act of observing the situation of any distant object by the compass.

*To set sail*, to unfurl and expand the sails to the wind, in order to give motion to the ship.

*To set up*, to increase the tension of the shrouds, back-stays, etc., by tackles, lariards, etc.

*Settle*, to lower; as, *Settle the topsail halliards*; lower them.

*To settle the land*, to lower in appearance. It is synonymous with *to lay the land*.