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Sailboats



Would you describe the deck surface on your sailboat as unusually slippery? What safety issues does this possible hazard raise for yourself and the crew? How should one deal with the dilemma of slippage on the deck of a sailboat?



These are slippery issues. <u>Improvesailing.com</u> suggests the proper footwear, which is a good start. However, that is only one part of the solution. There is also the deck itself. Products are available to assist with a slippery boat deck, which include but are not limited to paints, clear sprays, flooring and matting:

Total Tread (Non-skid deck paint)
Slip Doctors (Clear, Non-slip spray)
Sinnsidelin (Flooring for boat decks)
Foammaker (Marine mats for boat decks)

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Looking for boat detailing tips? Learn how to buff and wax non skid surfaces.



Surface areas for <u>sailboats</u> isn't a common conversation that most people typically tend to have in passing. However, it is a subject that merits further discussion in this particular case. Brace yourself for some strange new words.

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Learning about boating is likely to require expanding your vocabulary; as the jargen and terminology that boating people use to communicate may seem a bit dense, even like a second language, until you develop a proficiency for it.



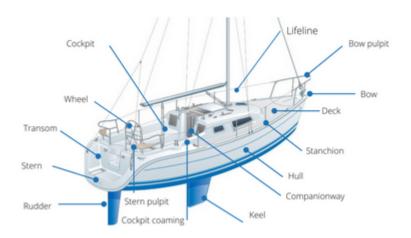
Seasoned sailers may have noticed that <u>greenhorns</u>, competent under most conditions and somewhat familiar with the vessel, aren't entirely familiar with simple boating terminology. These are the important terms that the more experienced sailers use, as they communicate with each other on the water, which obviously demonstrates that knowledge is no substitute for experience.



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According to the <u>American Sailing Association</u>, learning the basics of sailing require knowing all of the parts of the boat. Certainly there are a few of these terms that are interchangeable among different boats and these aren't the only terms. This is an introduction to a new language, which after spending more time on the water, you'll gradaully learn and use; likely on a daily basis.

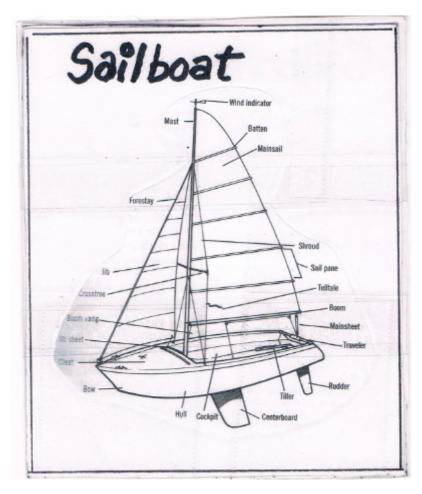


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Transom Wheel

Speaking of interchangeable terms, see how <u>Encarta</u>'s dictionary provides curious readers a general list of sailboat parts that slightly differ from the ones listed above; most if not all of which should be familiar to experienced sailers.



The above image of a sailboat was cropped from the **Encarta** dictionary.

Batten Boom Boom Vang Bow Centerboard Cleat Cockpit **Crosstree Forestay** <u>Hull</u> <u>Jib</u> Jib Sheet **Mainsail Mainsheet** Mast Rudder

Sail Pane
Shroud
Telltale
Tiller
Traveler
Wind Indicator

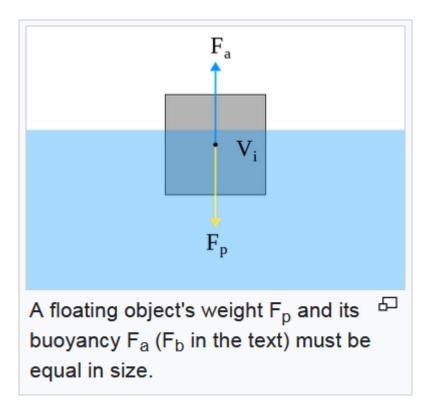
The ASA image depicts 15 boat parts. Encarta's image depicts 22 boat parts.



Notably, there are other parts of a sailboat that the above sources didn't list.

Badge Bobstay Boomkin Bowsprit Brace Dinghy Dolphin Striker Figurehead Gilding **Halyard Jackline Padeye** Port/Starboard Rigging Rope <u>Sail</u> **Spar** Spinnaker pole Square Rig **Standing Stem Taffrail Yard**

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Archimedes' principle explains buoyancy is achieved through displacement. In order to displace enough water to remain afloat without being submerged, the boat must have an average density less than water. It is why the hull of the boat must be hollow, as the air within the boat is lighter than the surrounding water. Regardless of a vessel's hollow composition, whether it is concrete or fiberglass, its average density is less than water because of the air within it.

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A hollow basketball can float. The air inside it has a density less than water.



A solid bowling ball cannot float. It's average density is not less than water.

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It will sink not much unlike the way anchors sink, when dropped in the water.



Displacement is how all vessels from sailboats to aircraft carriers stay afloat.

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