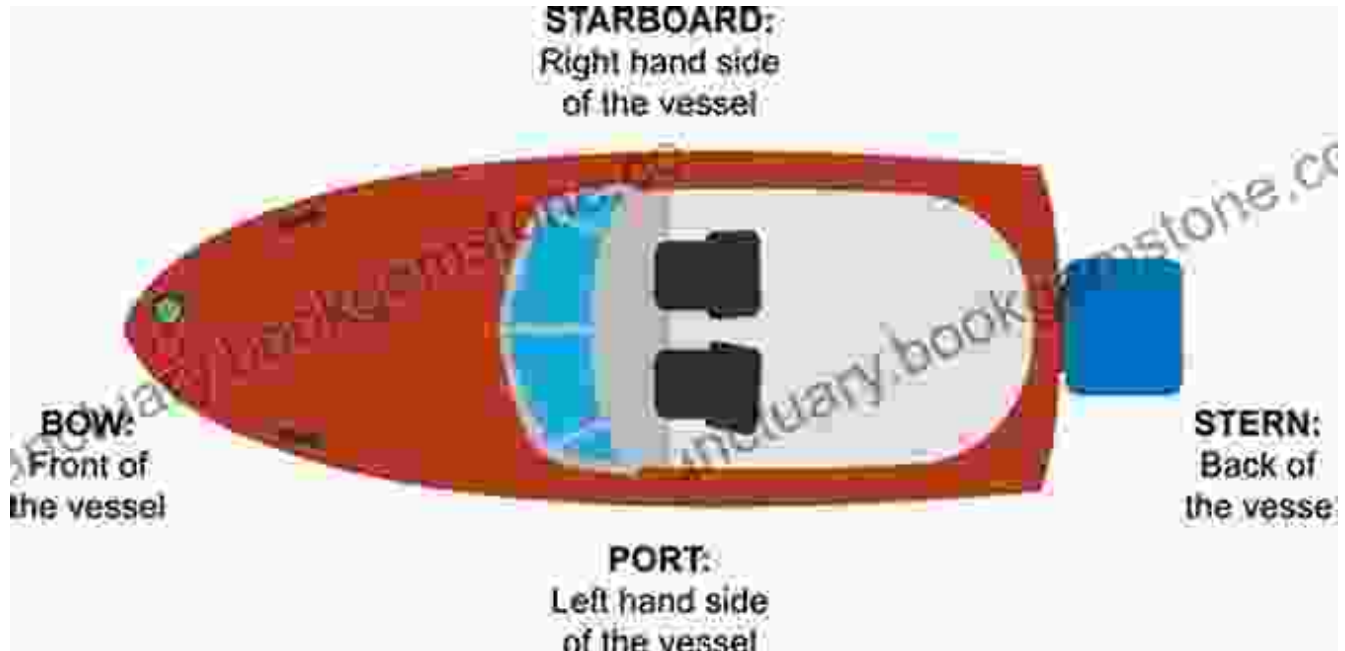


Which Way Is Starboard Again? A Guide to Nautical Terminology



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Starboard and port are two of the most basic terms used by sailors. But what do these words actually mean? And how can you remember which is

which? In this article, we'll provide a comprehensive guide to starboard and port, including definitions, etymology, and tips for remembering which is which.

What Is Starboard?

Starboard is the right-hand side of a boat or ship when facing forward. It is also known as the "weather" side, as it is the side that is most exposed to the wind and waves.

The word "starboard" comes from the Old English word "steorbord," which means "steering side." This is because the steering oar was traditionally located on the right-hand side of the boat.

What Is Port?

Port is the left-hand side of a boat or ship when facing forward. It is also known as the "lee" side, as it is the side that is most sheltered from the wind and waves.

The word "port" comes from the Latin word "porta," which means "gate." This is because the left-hand side of the boat was traditionally where the gangplank was located.

How to Remember Which Is Which

There are a few easy ways to remember which way is starboard and which way is port.

- **Starboard is on the right.** Just think of the word "star" and the right-hand side of the boat.

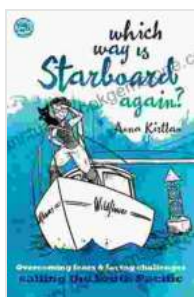
- **Port is on the left.** Just think of the word "port" and the left-hand side of the boat.
- **Red is right, green is left.** Many boats have red and green lights on their sides to indicate starboard and port. Red is on the right (starboard) and green is on the left (port).

Other Nautical Terms

In addition to starboard and port, there are a number of other nautical terms that are commonly used by sailors. Here are a few of the most important:

- **Bow:** The front of the boat.
- **Stern:** The back of the boat.
- **Mast:** A tall pole that supports the sails.
- **Sail:** A large piece of fabric that is used to catch the wind and propel the boat.
- **Rudder:** A flat piece of wood or metal that is used to steer the boat.

Starboard and port are two of the most basic terms used by sailors. By understanding the definitions and etymology of these terms, you can easily remember which way is which. And by learning a few other basic nautical terms, you'll be well on your way to becoming a seasoned sailor.



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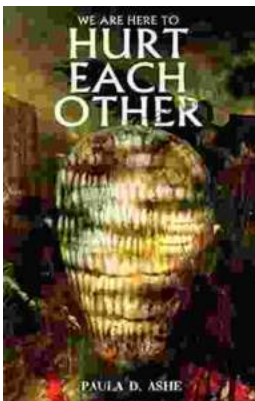
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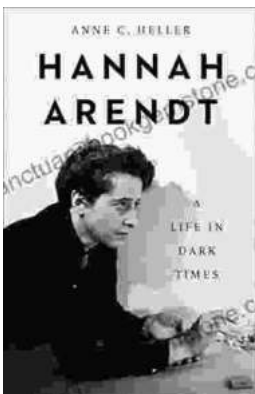
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