

Man overboard!

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Steerage: the lower decks of a ship

Midshipman: a trainee officer, typically aged in their early to mid teens

Quarter-deck: raised deck towards the aft of the ship