

## WEB RESOURCES FOR MARITIME ENGLISH

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**Abstract:** *This paper aims at assisting both teachers and students of Maritime English in their endeavor to study and acquire knowledge related to this field. Our goal is to guide students to sites on the web that will help those complete homework or research assignments or help their home skills in specific topic areas. We have also provided a brief description of each and every site after having performed a thorough checkup of their relevance and reliability as far as the information contained is concerned. Without having the pretense of having forwarded an exhaustive and comprehensive list of maritime English sites, we dare hope that this paper will come in handy to all those interested by facts and information related to maritime English.*

Given the fact that we live in an e-based society, the internet is an intrinsic part of our lives and of all fields of activity.

Nowadays, teachers of Maritime English are faced with a huge challenge as they are requested to approach their students using their own information channels. Thus, they have to adapt and adjust to the new established order and more importantly, adopt the web-based approach when teaching ESP. From this point of view, the following sites have proved to be a useful tool for teaching and learning maritime English altogether.

- [mareng.utu.fi/](http://mareng.utu.fi/)

This site contains an invaluable tool of learning maritime English as it is structured according to the most topical issues related to this field. Students of Maritime English may practise their terminology as well as their English grammar both on an intermediate as well as an advanced level. This software is available online, free of charge, and it also contains a glossary and a grammar section. The four skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking) are the backbone of all the exercises despite the playful approach i.e. drag and match, visual matching, multiple choice, cloze texts etc.

- [www.martel.pro/](http://www.martel.pro/)

Martel is a site where those interested can find standardized tests of Maritime English for seafarers. A good command of English, either at sea or in ports, is a must for every seafarer who is responsible for the safety of the ship, her crew, and (if case there be), her passengers. Martel offers tests of Maritime English on three different levels: Phase 1 is dedicated to the upper intermediate/ advanced level of English. Phase 2 is for Deck and Marine Engineers whereas Phase 3 is for Senior Deck and Marine Engineers. All three phases are structured based on the key skills of English Language: reading, speaking, listening, writing, and grammar. Martel tests were first developed by the European Union together with a number of major players on the maritime education and training industry. Martel developers have been working very closely with all the people of the international maritime community in order to adjust, adapt, and tailor the tests according to the needs of those involved in this field.

- <http://www.maritime-english-journal.com/>

This site is the Maritime English Journal. This journal has academic referees and it provides online access to all those involved the teaching, learning, research and usage of Maritime English. The journal represents the printed publication of the Academic Scholars Publishing House in Australia. The Maritime English Journal is focused on the structure, development and usage of English in the profession of seafarer in general, and on its evolution from and impact on Standard English.

- <http://www.maritimetraining.pro/>

The Maritime Training site is a platform that provides access to a large number of IT-based maritime education products. These products stand for an innovative approach of maritime

English teaching and learning. This website offers a wide range of brand-new products that are available online and are free of charge to use. This site has been launched only recently and the administrators have made a promise to enlarge the existing number of products over time for the benefit of all individuals and training providers involved in the maritime community. It is generally acknowledged that almost 90 percent of accidents at sea occur because of poor communication. Therefore, practicing knowledge of maritime English is definitely bound to enhance the standards of education in Maritime English and decrease thereby the occurrence of misfortunes at sea.

- [http://www2.kaiyodai.ac.jp/~takagi/mei/english/materials/materials\\_n1.html](http://www2.kaiyodai.ac.jp/~takagi/mei/english/materials/materials_n1.html)

Here, one shall come across some very useful information on maritime vocabulary put together by a group of specialists under the name of TUMSAT. In the Materials section, a teacher of Maritime English will gladly discover and impressive collection of videos and presentations related to nautical topics.

- <http://www.maritimeenglishonline.com/>

This site was fully conceived and designed by one dedicated individual, Roy Stall. He is an independent maritime English consultant from Australia and his expertise is based on his work with several major training companies. He has got a Navy background and a thorough maritime experience. All the information provided on the site is entirely reliable. He offers free proof-reading services for colleagues and useful information on the latest conferences in the field (IMLA-IMEC)

- [http://www.libramar.net/news/maritime\\_english/1-0-53](http://www.libramar.net/news/maritime_english/1-0-53)

LIBRAMAR is an online library of FREE books of maritime English. This site is quite an asset for anyone interested in the field.

- <http://shipseducation.com/>

On this site teachers as well as students of Maritime English are provided with plenty of multiple choice exercises classified according to topics (engineering, navigation, electrical, catering, safety, ships type, and English etc) or the various maritime English tests that crewing agencies usually administer to their candidates. One can also find here answers to maritime English tests like Marlins, CES 4.1 or SETS 6000.

- <http://www.smcpeexamples.com/>

This site offers an enjoyable opportunity to learn and study Standard Maritime Communication Phrases. The idea to have a playful approach to such an arid topic like Standard Maritime Communication Phrases is quite innovative and by all means helpful for all those interested in the field.

- <http://www.crosstree.info/Documents/Nauticalterms.pdf>

A Glossary of Nautical terms which clear, concise explanations.

- <http://www.splashmaritime.com.au/Marops/Dictionary.pdf>

Another source of valuable information is provided by this dictionary of maritime words and phrases.

And last but not least, the site

- <http://www.pfri.uniri.hr/~bopri/>

This site has to be mentioned as the most generous and proficient site of maritime English studies provided by Pomorsky Faculty of Rijeka, Croatia.

Conversely, we propose an insight of maritime etymology will provides us with a set of interesting logical connections, shedding light on the evolution and apparition of maritime words and phrases.

<http://www.phrases.org.uk/>

<http://www.boatsafe.com/>

<http://www.brianberlin.net/>

<http://see-the-sea.org/>

<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/26000/26000-h/26000-h.htm>

<http://www.georgianindex.net/>

<http://www.thedearsurprise.com/>

To conclude, a good hearty laugh will always to the trick when it comes to breaking the ice in an EFL classroom, therefore we suggest our potential readers to access the site [www.piratesteve.com/](http://www.piratesteve.com/) which offers plenty of good jokes on sailors and life at sea.