



Superstition says that whistling is bad luck on ships.



It is said to anger the wind and cause bad weather.

Whistling may also interfere with whistle commands used in the navy.

If you are the youngest person onboard or the cook you may be exempt from this superstition and allowed to whistle.





Superstition says that sticking a knife in the mast of a ship will summon up the wind.



No one knows for sure where this superstition came from. Maybe some poor sailor got so frustrated after weeks without wind that he stabbed the mast. The next day a wind came up and the superstition was born. Who knows??





Superstition says that saying the word '*pig*' onboard would cause the wind to blow too strongly.



This superstition came from the belief that pigs can see the wind.

Other words were used instead such as *Gruff*, *Little Fella* and *Mr. Dennis*

Canadian Sailors often had a tattoo of a pig on their knee '*Pig on the knee, safety at sea*'





Superstition says that it is bad luck for objects such as buckets and cans to be kept upside down onboard a ship.



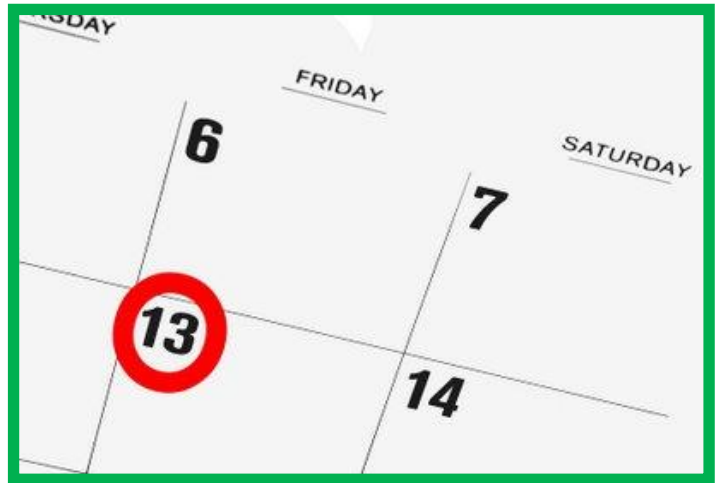
Upside down objects could be considered to be a sign that the ship will also soon be 'upside down'.

Keeping things up the right way was thought to maintain the natural balance.





Superstition says that Friday is the unluckiest day of the week to set sail





Superstition says that cats are lucky mascots to take onboard.



Superstition says that black cats bring bad luck onboard a ship.



Superstition has also said that black cats are good luck





Superstition says that knitting hair into a sailor's sock will bring him back to you.



Sending a sailor to sea with a strong link to home was considered to bring him back home safely.

Sewing a lock of your own hair into a sailor's sock would be a strong reminder of home.





Superstition says that Saturday is the luckiest day of the week to set sail.

Superstation also says that Sunday is the luckiest day of the







Superstition says that placing money under the mast of a ship that is being built will bring it good luck.



This is an old ship building custom believed to bring good fortune and luck to the ship. It was a way of 'building good fortune' into the ship and ensuring a successful voyage. Pennies were often used but silver coins were thought to be the luckiest.

