

Ropeyarn Sunday "Sea Stories" and Open Trackbacks

Description

[Last week, a "nickel back" story](#), and this week, more stories about "Aussies."

In the meantime, feel free to track back (except for spammers!)

So, there I was with a ship load of Aussies in training. They were, more so than most ship's crews for our FFGs, really far from home.

So, if you head down to the club with the Aussies, they have a particular cultural behavior to promote equanimity between those in attendance. It's considered polite for buy drinks in "rounds." After all, you are at the club, to tell "sea stories" but, well, to drink.

In Aussie-speak, they call a round of drinks for your group a "shout." So, the "shouts" begin. Not a big deal, but there is another rule: Everyone buys a shout. Ok, makes sense. Now the third rule: You stay to have a shout from everyone. To even put your cash on the bar and make sure there's enough for your social obligation, then say your goodbyes is *not* acceptable.

Lessons learned the hard way (called in hard gained wisdom): Never go drinking with more Aussies than the number of drinks you want (can) drink in that setting!

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