

Abbreviations used in Deck Log Book

The following abbreviations are approved for use either singly or together:

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|-------|--|---------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| (D) | Decca fix | FAOP | Full Ahead Ocean Passage = SSP | Sat | Satellite position |
| (R) | Radar (eg (R) Brg 105° = Radar Bearing 105°) | FP | Fore Peak Tank | SBB | Stand by below = SBE (ME) |
| A/C | Altered Course | FW | Fresh Water | SBE | Stand by Engine/s |
| Ahd | Ahead | Fwd | Forward | SD | Safety of Dock |
| Ampl | Amplitude | FWE | Finished with Engine/s | Sp | Speed |
| AP | After Peak Tank | GM | Distance between the metacentre & the centre of gravity | SS | Steamship |
| Arr | Arrival / Arrived | | | SSP | Start of Sea Passage |
| Ast | Astern | | | Stbd | Starboard |
| Av | Average | GPS | GPS Sat position | TC | True Course |
| Az | Azimuth | HMS | Her Majesty's Ship | TCPA | Time of the CPA |
| Bar | Barometer/s | hms | Hours, minutes, seconds | TK | Tank |
| Brg | Bearing (True) | IFO | Intermediate Fuel Oil | UKC | Under Keel Clearance |
| BT | Ballast Tank | KG | Height or centre of gravity | VMO & PA | Various to Master's Orders & Pilot's Advice |
| BW | Breakwater | LB | Lifeboat | VMO | Various to Master's Orders |
| By | Buoy | LT | Local Time | WB | Water Ballast |
| c | Cable/s (¹ / ₁₀ s of nautical ml) | m | Metres | WTD | Watertight Door |
| C | Centigrade | Max | Maximum | Z | GMT |
| Cl | Clutched in | MC | Magnetic Course | | |
| Co | Course (True) | MDO | Marine Diesel Oil | | |
| CPA | Closest Point of Approach | ME | Main Engine | | <i>Ahead Movements</i> |
| DB | Double-bottom tank | MFO | Marine Fuel Oil | Full Sp | Full Speed |
| Dec | Declutched | Min | Minimum | ¹ / ₂ Sp | Half Speed |
| Dep | Departure / Depart | MS / MV | Motor Ship / Motor Vessel | Slw | Slow |
| Disch | Discharge, Discharged, Discharging | NT | New Time (after an alteration of clocks) | DS | Dead Slow |
| Displ | Displacement tonnage | Obs | Observations | | <i>Astern Movements</i> |
| Dist | Distance | Obsd | Observed | Full Ast | Full Astern |
| DR | Dead Reckoning | OOW | Officer of the Watch, Duty Officer | ¹ / ₂ Ast | Half Astern |
| E/S | Echo Sounder | PA | Position Approximate | Slw Ast | Slow Astern |
| EOP | End of Ocean Passage = ESP | PDS | Piped down stations | DS Ast | Dead Slow Astern |
| ER | Engine Room | R/T | Radio Telephone | | |
| ESP | End of Sea Passage | ROE | Rang on full speed | | |
| F | Fahrenheit | RPM | Revolutions per minute (ME) | | |

Additionally following signs and symbols may be used:



Abeam (Port or Starboard as indicated by arrow)



Anchor

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Degree or Arc or Temperature

'

Foot/Feet, Mile (Nautical), Minutes of Arc as indicated in context

"

Inch/es or second/s of Arc

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The upper figure shows length of cable veered. The lower indicates depth of water obtained by sounding at time of anchoring.

NOTE:

a) *Astronomical observations in the Nautical Almanac may be used.*

b) *Navigational abbreviations as prescribed in the Mariner's Handbook N.P. 100 and B.A. chart 5011 may be used.*