



AS THEY SAY ON THE RIVER

Words to Know

The following terms are used in the crossword puzzle "As They Say on the River" and by the men and women who work on Oklahoma's navigable waterway.

- Jettison – To throw something overboard in order to lighten a vessel
- Kevel – Deck fitting with two horizontal arms called horns; a large cleat
- Kick – Brief burst of power used to jog a vessel ahead slightly
- Knot – A speed of one nautical mile per hour, equal to 1.15 statute miles per hour
- Larboard – Old word for port (left)
- Lashing – Wire or rope connection between barges
- Leeward – Away from the wind
- Adrift – Floating free, not moored, loose
- Barge – Non-powered cargo or work vessel
- Bilge – Lowest place in a hull where water collects
- Captain – Person in command of a vessel; a licensed master mariner
- Depthsounder – Electronic instrument which measures water depth by bouncing a sound signal off the bottom
- Dolphin – Round cluster of wood piling lashed together
- Galley – Kitchen on a towboat
- Inboard – Inside the hull; toward the centerline; closer to the shore
- Making tow – Assembling and connecting barges for a tow
- Pilothouse – Where all the controls and instruments are located; also called a wheelhouse
- Rafting – Mooring a vessel alongside another
- Riparian – Relating to a river
- Soogy – To scrub down the boat
- Spud – Long, heavy column or beam fitted through a hole in the hull to hold the vessel stationary
- Stevedore – Contractor who loads and unloads vessels
- Tipple – Structure extending out over a dock for loading coal into barges
- Wheel wash – Discharge from a propeller
- Yaw – To turn or swing about the vertical axis; to veer off course