CAP'N CAT

FORMER SHARK HUNTER

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Bully beef. A sailor's word for canned meat, adopted by the English and American armies in the first World War. It is sometimes stated to come from the French *bouilli*, boiled beef; but is much more probably from bull-beef, on account of its stringiness.

Fiddler's Green. A British sailors' term for that fine place where souls of good sailors go after their bodies go to Davy Jones' Locker.

Foo-paw. (French *faux pas*). A whaler's term, meaning a bungling job in killing a whale, the expression having been picked up from French whalers met at sea.

Gaff. The spar at the top of a fore and aft sail. Most lists of nautical expressions carry "to blow the gaff" (give away a secret) and "stow your gaff" (quit talking, shut up) as derived in some forgotten way from this spar.

Gallied. (From old English *gallow*, to frighten). The whaleman's term for the behavior of a whale after being struck. Alongshore, it means confused, embarrassed.

Greasy Luck. The whaleman's farewell, used in whaling communities whenever one would say "Good luck!"

Hannah Cook, don't amount to. A coastal phrase of disparagement. Said to be a corruption of a hand and a cook—the crew of a very small coasting vessel.

Hen frigate. A vessel on which the master's wife and family accompanied him (with the implication that the "old woman" had too much to do with running the affairs on board!)

Adam was an oakum-boy, since. This phrase comes from the shipyards, where it was a boy's job to keep the caulkers supplied with oakum and other needments. It is fairly common alongshore to mean from time immemorial.

TASTIER THAN REVENGE

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CAP'N LAO! CAP'N LAO! LOOKIT WHAT I FOUND IN THE HOLD!

CANS AND **CANS** OF **BULLY BEEF!**

WHEN WE GET BACK TO SHORE, WHAT SAY I MAKE US SOME BULLY BEEF À LA KING?

CONFOUND AND **BLAST IT**, WOMAN! YOU CLAIM TO BE THE WORLD'S FINEST COOK AND THEN OFFER ME THAT INDIGESTIBLE **SLUMGULLION?**

i'd swap hard tack for toast points...

oh, yum..

GAH!

I'M BEGINNING TO REGRET BRINGING YOU AND YOUR LADEN LUBBER OF A SISTER ABOARD!

TURNING ME FISHING SHIP INTO A BLASTED **HEN FRIGATE!**

she just needs to find her sea legs...

UPPPPUP buhph

WHAT ARE WE FISHING FOR? BIG FAT YUMMY SHARKS?

BELAY THAT TALK. I HAVEN'T HUNTED SHARKS SINCE ADAM WAS AN OAKUM-BOY.

BESIDES, THERE ARE FAR MORE APPETIZING FISH IN THE SEA, MAGGIE.

=gasp= YOU DON'T MEAN--?

YES. WE HUNT **WHITEFISH** TODAY.

the most delicious fish in the world... oohhbwahlwahl

HEY, LADY SOPHIE! GUESS WHAT WE'RE HAVING FOR SUP--

KRUMM!

HNGK NNGK

BAK!

CEASE THAT INFERNAL **SKYLARKING**, YOU PORPOISES!

KRUMM!

WHRRRRR

I'VE FINALLY GOT ONE ON THE LINE!

AHHAH! AH HAH!

A WHITEFISH FIT FOR FIDDLER'S GREEN!

KRUMMM!

MMMM!

TH' DEVIL--?

IF YOU'VE DAMAGED ME SHIP, I'LL HAVE YOU SCRAPING THE CABLES, MAGGIE--

!

AHOY, CAP'N!

SHARKS!

JUST **LOOKIT** 'EM ALL!

WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY'RE AFTER?


REVENGE!
I WAS TOO GOOD AT ME OLD WORK--
RAAAAAAAAAAAAA!
--AND NOW THE SHARKS HAVE BANDED TOGETHER TO HUNT THEIR FORMER HUNTER!
GET BELOW, BOTH OF YOU! THERE WILL BE BLOOD IN THE SCUPPERS TODAY!
HRK
GLMPH!!
hooray!
bully beef-stuffed shark...
oohhbwahlwahllwahl

GET 'IM! GET 'IM! GET 'IM!

GET 'IM GET 'IM
GET 'IM GET 'IM
GET 'IM GET 'IM

OPEN THOSE EARS, YOU GALLIED PEARL DIVER--

I'M NO LONGER A SHARK HUNTER!

KLAK

SWOKK

BUT I'LL TAKE A **TOPMAUL** TO THEIR **NOGGINS!**

THWAPP!

GREASY LUCK, YA MUD TURTLE!

HNGK NNGK

BALF

ATTA GIRL, LADY SOPHIE! GIVE THEM SHARKS SOME GREASY LUCK!

RAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

VOMIT ALL YOU WANT--DON'T AMOUNT TO ***HANNAH COOK***, IT SEEMS.

WAIT! WHAT IF WE GAVE THEM SOMETHING ***ELSE*** TO CHASE?

WHITEFISH IS TASTIER THAN ***ANYTHING***, EVEN ***REVENGE!***

I'D SOONER THROW ***YOU*** TO THE SHARKS, YA BEEF-HEADED GRAMPUS!

THAT'S MY POINT!

RAA!

FTFF!

RAAA!

RAA-!

YOU **SAVED** ME, CAP'N LAO!

purr
purr

OH, **STOW YOUR GAFF!** IT WAS A **FOO-PAW**-- I MEANT TO KICK **YOU** TO THOSE BLASTED SHARKS!

=sigh=
NOTHING FOR IT BUT TO HEAD TO SHORE.

THEY'LL BE BACK FOR US BEFORE LONG.

"GREAT! I'LL MAKE US A VICTORY DINNER!"

Maggie's Café

BULLY BEEF-STUFFED BULLY BEEF!

BET YOU'RE NOT EVEN **THINKING** ABOUT THAT WHITEFISH ANYMORE, HUH, CAP'N LAO?

grumpf!

THE END