

Sea Slang Glossary

AQUA VIDE *n* : water life, the ability to live underwater and transfigure into mer form

AQUARESPIRE *n* : water breath, the ability to breathe water

BACKPADDLE *v* : to retreat quickly, either physically or verbally

BLOWFISH *n* : an arrogant, obnoxious creature

DAMSELFISH *n* : a curse of frustration, also a bright blue fish common in coral reefs

DEEPEST DREDGES *n* : the lowest depth to which one can sink

FINKINI *n* : a modesty-protecting shorts-like garment made of scales, not recommended for motorcycle riding

FRAIDY-FISH *n* : someone who is scared of something silly

GUPPY *n* : a very young or immature merperson

JELLYFISH FOR BRAINS *n* : someone with lower-than-average intelligence

LORD LOVE A LOBSTER *n* : an exclamation of awe

MER MARK *n* : the two-part tattoo at the base of a merperson's neck, the source of mer powers, consisting of a circle of waves around a stylized kelpflower

MERKIND *n* : all merfolk everywhere

MERMADE *adj* : an object made by merfolk

MERMATE *n* : a merperson's perfect partner

MINDWASHING *n* : a ritual that erases a human's memory of the mer world

OCEANISTA *n* : a bratty, superior, fashion- and popularity-obsessed mergirl, also a popular line of mer dolls

SEA SLUG *n* : an annoying, low-life person

SEA WITCH *n* : a truly horrid mergirl, one who delights in the torment of others

SEAFOAM ON SAND *n* : something fleeting, transitory

SEASTICKS *n* : the eating utensils of choice in the mer world

SLIMY-HEADED VENT WORM *n* : the lowest form of ocean life, someone repulsive and disgusting and beneath a mergirl's notice

SON OF A SWORDFISH *n* : a curse of annoyance

SPONGE-ENHANCED *adj* : used to describe a mergirl who has artificially increased her topside department

SQUID-BRAINED *adj* : lacking logic or rational thought

SQUIDS *n* : a mer or human boy's sensitive bits

TERRAPED *n* : a human

TOPSIDE DEPARTMENT *n* : a mergirl's upper body assets

TRANSFIGURE *v* : to change from mer form to terraped or vice versa

WAKEMAKER *n* : an underwater vehicle, designed to carry two people, very dangerous in the hands of an untrained drivers