**Adapted**

And to know the ships way,some do use this which (as I take it) is very good: they have a piece of wood and a line to where out outer border, with a small line of a great length which they make fast at one end, and at the other end and middle, they have a piece of a line which they make fast with a small thread to stand like unto a crowfoote: for this purpose, that it should drive astern as fast as the ship can go away from it, always having the line so ready that it goes out as fast as the ship goes.

In like manner they have either a minute of an hour glasse, or else a known part of an hour by some number of words, or such other like, so that the line being vered out and stopt just with that time that the glasse is out, or the number of words spoken, which done, they hale in the logge or piece of wood again, and look how many fadome the shipp has gone in that time: that being known,\*what part of a league should it be, they multiple the number of fadomes, by the portion of time or part of an houre. Whereby you may knowe justly how many leagues and partes of a league the ship went in an houre. etc. An English league containes 250 fathomes. A Spanish or Portugues league doth contains 2857 fathomes. etc.

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And to know the ships way,[\*](http://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo/A16510.0001.001?id=DLPS110;lvl=1;note=inline;rgn=div1;view=trgt) some do vse this which (as I take it) is very good: they haue a pece of wood & a line to vere out ouer borde, with a small line of a great lengthe whiche they make fast at one ende, and at the other ende and middle, they haue a piece of a line which they make fast with a small thred to stande like vnto a crowfoote: for this pur∣pose, that it should driue a sterne as fast as the shippe doth go away from it, alwayes hauing the line so ready that it goeth out as fast as the shippe goeth. In like manner they haue ei∣ther a minute of an houre glasse, or else a knowne part of an houre by some number of wordes, or suche other like, so that the line being vered out and stopt iuste with that time that the glasse is out, or the number of wordes spoken, which done, they hale in the logge or piece of woode againe, and loke howe many fadome the shippe hath gone in that time: that being knowne,[\*](http://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo/A16510.0001.001?id=DLPS111;lvl=1;note=inline;rgn=div1;view=trgt) what part of a league soeuer it be, they mul∣tiplie the number of fadomes, by the portion of tyme or part of an houre. Whereby you may knowe iustly howe many leagues and partes of a league the ship goeth in an houre. &c. For an Englishe league doth containe .250. fadome. And a spanish or portingale league doth contain .2857. fadomes. &c.