

# Re: medieval english was knight ranks and titles

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in article <434F2E2F.3063@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, peter t. daniels <grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

|> > It's used in the film in a sense of 'super-shipshape'.  
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|> Are you sure? According to my SOD, it means "responsive to the  
|> helm" in old nautical usage.  
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|Actually she has quite a speech rhapsodizing over the model of it,  
|which for the landlubber boils down to "shipshape."

from <<http://www.fakeradio.net/scripts/casap.htm>>:

TRACY: Oh, a wedding present. From Dext. A picture of the True Love. We sailed her up the coast of Maine and back the summer we were married. My, she was yawl.

GEORGE: Yawl? What's that?

TRACY: It means, oh, easy to handle, quick to the helm. Fast, bright. Everything a boat should be. Until it develops dry rot. (starts to cry) Oh, George--

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