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at about 11 am. This was by custom and rule the time of the first rum issue of the day to officers and men (the officers had their tots neat, the men's diluted, which is grog). Though the days of sail are far behind us, the expression has a surprisingly wide currency still, especially in North America. Despite its apparent antiquity, it wasn't recorded in print until the end of the nineteenth century.

So the nomenclature is more to do with change of heading, not heading, and a hangover from the days of sail. Landlubber! :-)

My grandfather's ship:

<http://www.hms-arethusa.co.uk/>

When he served as an able seaman:

<http://www.hms-arethusa.co.uk/november42.html>

He survived the torpedo, not the cancer. Remembered with pride.
Androcles.

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