**THE SHIP THAT SAW A GHOST**

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**Part 6 (16, 17, 18)**

***Pre-listening task 1***: Match the words with their synonyms and synonymic phrases.

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| stolid | to gloom |
| cranky | to trudge |
| seasoned | to persuade (by flattery) |
| crotchet | to disable |
| to sulk | to come into view |
| to shirk | controversial |
| perverse | bar (rundown, disreputable) |
| to heave | to refuse |
| docile | favourable |
| to plunge | lame |
| to plod | experienced |
| to balk | out of hand |
| jar | to shrink |
| to cripple | to dive |
| to give way | whim |
| to shudder | eccentric |
| to coax | to neglect |
| insensate | unfortunate accident |
| debatable | impassive |
| mutinous | to rise |
| propitious | to shiver |
| mishap | witless |
| to loom | wicked |
| to dwindle | teachable |
| limping | to surrender |
| dive (n, sl.) | jolt |

***Pre-listening task 2***: Match the words with their Russian equivalents and definitions.

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| street-car | пришпоривать | to rise on the hind legs, as a horse |
| twin track | спускаться под ветер, уваливаться под ветер | a line by which the log is trailed from a ship to determine its speed |
| logline | бросить якорь | to urge a horse on using a small spiked wheel |
| helm | матрос первого класса | a vehicle that travels on rails, typically in a street |
| steam roller | встать на дыбы | the wheel by which a vessel is steered |
| to fall off from wind | трамвай | a railway involving one track in each direction compared to a single-track railway where trains in both directions share the same track |
| to rowel | паровой каток | at or towards the stern |
| mahout | позади корабля | to secure a vessel with a special device made of steel |
| AB (short for ‘able-bodied seaman’) | лаглинь | an elephant driver or keeper |
| astern | румпель, штурвал | a steam-powered vehicle with heavy rollers at the front and rear used to compress road surfaces during road making |
| to cast anchor | погонщик слонов | a naval rating referring to a sailor with more than two years’ experience and considered well acquainted with his duty |
| to rear | двухколейная дорога | to sail in a direction that is not as close as possible to the direction the wind is blowing from |

***Pre-listening task 3***: Fill in the gaps with appropriate words from Exercise 1 in the correct form. Sometimes the part of speech changes.

1. The horse \_\_\_\_\_ at the jump.
2. I’ll never set foot in that \_\_\_\_\_ again. I almost threw up when I saw the kitchen.
3. A conscientious worker never \_\_\_\_\_ his obligations.
4. You need a good lawyer who has been \_\_\_\_\_ by years in the trial courts.
5. With great difficulty, I \_\_\_\_\_ the box of books onto the table.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_\_ into the lake to refresh ourselves.
7. Having to meet the deadline, she \_\_\_\_\_ through a mountain of paperwork.
8. The ride on the donkey \_\_\_\_\_ my bones.
9. His \_\_\_\_\_ projects show how young and inexperienced he is.
10. The weather being \_\_\_\_\_, we decided to go on a picnic.
11. Revolution \_\_\_\_\_, but the aristocrats paid no heed.
12. The wounded soldier \_\_\_\_\_ off the battlefield.

***Post-listening task 4:*** Answer the following questions.

1. What does the narrator say about the way of new and old ships?
2. In what way were ships compared to horses?
3. In what condition did the broken shaft leave the Glarus?
4. What two scariest things, according to the narrator, can happen on a voyage?
5. How did the Glarus behave when the sailors tried to direct her course towards the island?
6. How did the ship’s behavior change when they turned homeward?
7. What incident happened on the homeward track?
8. Did the ‘Crows’ tell anyone what had happened on the voyage?
9. Will the Glarus ‘see blue water’ again?