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n.
Nautical
A spar, extending forward from the stem of a ship, to which the stays of the foremast are fastened.

[Middle English *bouspret*, possibly from Middle Low German *bōchsprēt* : *bōch*, bow; see **bheug-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *sprēt*, sprit; see **sper-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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