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keel·haul  (kēl hōl')

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tr.v. **keel·hauled, keel·haul·ing, keel·hauls**

1. *Nautical* To discipline by dragging under the keel of a ship.
2. To rebuke harshly.

[Alteration (influenced by [KEEL](#)¹ and [HAUL](#)) of Dutch *kielhalen* : *kiel*, keel of a ship (from Middle Dutch) + *halen*, to haul (from Middle Dutch); see [kela-](#)² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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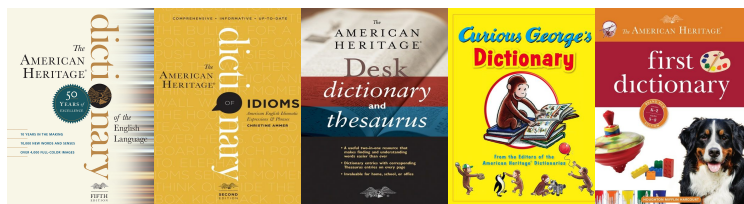
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