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Richard Nixon The Old Salt

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In last night's interview with David Frost, Richard Nixon — a Navy lieutenant commander during World War II — got the ends of his ships mixed up.

In recounting an anecdote in which he and Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev were on Brezhnev's yacht, Nixon and Frost had this exchange:

Nixon: "We were sitting in the bow of the yacht. I'm an old Navy

man, the bow is the rear end, isn't it?

Frost: "I, ah . . . probably."

Nixon: "That's right. No. The stern, we were sitting in the stern."

Frost: "Let's say 'end.""

Nixon: "All right. We were sitting down at the end of the yacht, in the back of the yacht together . . ."

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