PENOBSCOT
Marine Museum

Captain Says
(A nautical version of Simon Says)

Set-up

- Put out cones and/or bases in the shape of a ship hull.
- Add signs for PORT, STARBOARD, BOW, and STERN.

Instructions

- Review the **vocabulary words**.
- Have all players stand inside the ship.
- Have the "Captain" call out:
  - Captain says run to starboard
  - Captain says run to port
  - Captain says run to bow
  - Captain says run to stern
- The players must do as the Captain says. If they do not, they are out.
- The Captain can also call out a command without starting with "Captain says." In this case, the players should not move and if they do, they are out.
- After the players are comfortable with the initial 4 commands, add a few more fun ones!
  - Captain says swab the deck [get down on the ground and mime washing the deck]
  - Captain says climb aloft [mime climbing a rope ladder]
  - Captain says haul the line [line up in the middle of the ship and mime pulling a rope]
  - Captain says he gave you a command [yell "aye, aye, sir]

