

## Essequibo River

This river is in Venezuela and the song comes from Guiana where it was used as a stowing and moving shanty. It is one of the earliest examples of African rhythms entering the sailors songs. Later it was adapted to a halyard shanty on board yankee and "blue nose" (Nova Scotian) vessels.

Oh the Essequibo river is the king of rivers all.

*Buddy ta na na we are somebody oh.*

Oh the Essequibo river is the king of rivers all.

*Buddy ta na na we are somebody oh*

### Chorus

*Somebody oh, Johnny, somebody oh.*

*Buddy ta na na we are somebody oh.*

The Essequibo bosun is the king of bosuns all

*Buddy ta na na we are somebody oh*

The Essequibo bosun is the king of bosuns all.

*Buddy ta na na we are somebody oh.*

The Essequibo sailor is the king of sailors all.

*Buddy ta na na we are somebody oh.*

The Essequibo sailor is the king of sailors all.

*Buddy ta na na we are somebody oh.*

The Essequibo captain is the king of captains all.

*Buddy ta na na we are somebody oh.*

The Essequibo captain is the king of captains all.

*Buddy ta na na we are somebody oh.*

<Repeat first verse>