

**Scylla:** A rock upon the Italian side of the Straits of Messina facing Charybdis n. (q.v. for the proverbial use); also personified as a dangerous sea-monster.

**Charybdis:** A dangerous whirlpool on the coast of Sicily (now Calofaro), opposite the Italian rock Scylla. Used allusively of anything likely to cause shipwreck of life, etc., and esp. in combination with Scylla, of the danger of running into one evil or peril in seeking to avoid its opposite.