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HMS YUKON

CROSSING THE

LINE CEREMONY



Do I Espy The
 "PRIDE OF THE PACIFIC"
 Shellbacks and Tadpoles
 they must have
 "ONLY THE FIT
 SURVIVE"

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THE HISTORY BEHIND THE CROSSING THE LINE CEREMONY

According to Greek Mythology, the original God of the Seas was a certain deity called Poseidon. During his reign, Greek sailors were accustomed to burning incense and singing such appropriate odes as "Eternal Father" to intercede for his good offices and therefore bring on smooth sailing.

Poseiden's wife, Amphitrite was the daughter of Oceanus, a very powerful Greek God in his own right.

When the Romans ousted the Greeks and became the primary power in the area, they installed Neptunus as their Ruler of the Seas. Adding insult to injury, Neptunus adopted Amphitrite, thus becoming Poseidon's father-in-law. Poseidon was so depressed by this event that he committed suicide by drowning himself in his own ocean leaving Neptunus as King of all the Seas with the right to extort fees or homage from all who entered his domain.

The origins of the ceremony have been difficult to trace. One source of information claims that during the 17th century when entering the Straits of Gibraltar, all those who were entering for the first time had to pay their fee or else be dunked from the yardarm. The enactment of this ceremony was transferred to the Tropics, and, eventually, to the Equator. Why the Equator was the final choice and not the International Date Line or the Arctic Circle is anyone's guess.

Another source of information has it that the Ceremony was initiated in the Royal Navy's East Indian Fleet during the tenure of Admiral Horatio Nelson. Since most of our more peculiar customs seem to be dear old Horatio's fault, this source may very well be true.

The ceremony is mentioned in an old B.R. called "Sports and Recreation in the Royal Navy". The authors admit that the ceremony's origin is obscure, but they have no doubt that it originated from some form of "pagan religious rite".

A lengthy description is given of the ceremony held by the crew of HMS NEW ZEALAND when she crossed the equator in 1919 with Viscount Jellicoe aboard. This was a revival of a ceremony which had obviously been abandoned, we are, however, indebted to them for their contribution to the handbook which points out "it is hoped that the ceremony and text may prove helpful to future generations of those who occupy their business in great waters."

When comparing the two ceremonies mentioned in the B.R., we notice that although the general pattern is unchanged, the text is altogether different. This illustrates how the script must be adapted to the local scene: that is, the Captain may or may not be a SHELLBACK, and all charges made against the defaulters must be original.

There has always been a great reluctance on the part of the TADPOLES to being initiated and their fears are well founded! -- however, it must be realized that this ceremony should be taken in fun, otherwise the whole spirit will die.

Note: SHELLBACK - one who has been initiated into the Realm.

(the good guys)

TADPOLE - uninitiated, UNCLEAN!

The following pages contain the script for the "CROSSING THE LINE" Ceremony on the occasion of HMCS YUKON's passage from PANAMA to CALLAO, Peru and traversing the equator at Longitude 81° 00' W Latitude 0° 0' on the 5th of November 1977.

The Ceremony is broken down into three phases:

PHASE I. - This phase begins the previous night when the Herald of his Oceanic Majesty comes aboard in order to inspect HMCS YUKON and decide upon her worthiness to receive onboard NEPTUNUS REX, in all his glory.

PHASE II. - This phase begins when NEPTUNE, after receiving a favorable report from his HERALD, arrives onboard the following day, accompanied by all his court. His first act is to present Orders and Awards to TRUSTY SHELLBACKS, and to see any defaulters that have incurred his wrath.

PHASE III.- This final phase takes place when KING NEPTUNE supervises the initiation of the TADPOLES.

THE YUKON REPERTORY COMPANY

KING NEPTUNE
QUEEN AMPHITRITE
HERALD
SECRETARY
DAVEY JONES
JUDGE
SCRIBE
DOCTORS
NURSE
BARBERS

TRIDENT STAMPERS

CHIEF OF POLICE
ASST CHIEF OF POLICE
HEAD MERMAID
MERMAIDS

HEAD BEAR
ASSISTANT HEAD BEAR

P2 LUMB
P1 DAVIES
P1 PETERSON
LS HOPKINS
C1 THOMSON
C2 FISHER
P1 SMILEY
P1 SHEPPARD
LT GRAD
P2 OKE (HT)
P2 OKE (PW)
MS JEFFERIES
LS PHELPS
P2 KINNELL
P1 McDOUGALL
C1 GAMMON
P1 KENNEDY
CMDO MACKERRACHER
P1 WESTLAKE
P2 BOYLE
MS BERBECK

BUGLER
COURT POLICE
MERMAID BEARERS

BEARS

POLICE

COSTUME COMMITTEE

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

GUARD (MARS II, MARS IV)

GUARD OFFICER
GUARD WARRANT

LS KERR
LCDR MILLER
P1 ANDERSON
P1 GUENTHER
C2 JONES
P2 HARRISON
P2 GRANT
LS HANDLEY
P1 IRVINE
P2 STOTT
LT DAY
P2 HARRISON
LT WOLFE
LS HANDLY
CMDO LEASK
MS WYLIE
P1 IRVINE
P2 WONDGA
C2 JONES
P2 BRIAND
P1 IRVINE
P2 MCDUGALL
MS TATE
P2 GRANT
MS THOMAS
P2 WESTMAN
C2 PARKER
LS SIMS
P2 CAMPBELL
P2 PAGAN
MS ROMYN
P2 LEASK
P1 GUENTHER
P2 TODD
P1 ANDERSON
MS CROOK
LS CRADDOCK
P2 STOTT
LS LUTZ
LS HANDLEY
LS HOPKINS
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LS PHELPS

SLT KUTCHER
SLT POLNICKY

GUARD

SLT MCVICAR
LT BUDD
SLT HOWELL
OCDT WILLIAMS
2LT DENVIR
2LT HANSEN
OCDT FODOR

SHELLEACKS

CAPT THOMAS
CDR KIERAN
LCDR MILLER
LCDR BOUCHER
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FROM
DE THE ROYAL HIGH COURT OF THE RAGING MAIN

TO-A
WARSHIP YUKON

GREETING AND BEWARE

1. WHEREAS, THE GOOD SHIP YUKON, BOUND FOR CALLAO, PERU FROM BALBOA, PANAMA, IS ABOUT TO ENTER OUR DOMAIN, AND THE AFORESAID SHIP CARRIES A LARGE AND SLIMY CARGO OF LAND-LUBBERS, BEACHCOMERS, CARGO-RATS, SEA-LAWYERS, LOUNGE-LIZARDS, PARLOR-DUNNIGANS, PLOW-DESSERTERS, PARK BENCH WARMERS, CHICKEN-CHASERS, CHERRY-PLUCKERS, HAY-TOSSERS, SAND-CRABS, FOUR-FLUSHERS, CROSS-WORD PUZZLE BUGS, AND ALL OTHER LIVING CREATURES OF THE LAND, AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, HE-VAMPS, LIBERTY-HOUNDS AND DRUG STORE COWBOYS FALSELY MASQUERADING AS SEAMAN AND MEN-O-WARSMEN, OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER HAVING NEVER APPEARED BEFORE US; AND

2. INASMUCH AS AN INSPECTION OF OUR ROYAL HIGH ROSTER SHOWS THAT IT IS HIGH TIME YOUR SAD AND WANDERING SOULS APPEARED BEFORE THE HIGH TRIBUNAL OF NEPTUNE;

3. THEREFORE, BE IT KNOW, THAT WE HEREBY SUMMONS AND COMMAND THE FOLLOWING TADPOLES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE ROYAL HIGH COURT ON THE AFORESAID DATE AND AS SUCH TIME

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TIME AS MAY BEST SUITS OUR PLEASURE, AND TO ACCEPT MOST HEARTILY AND WITH GOOD GRACE THE PAINS AND PENALTIES OF THE AWFUL TORTURES THAT WILL BE INFLICTED UPON YOU FOR DARING TO ENTER OUR AQUEOUS AND EQUINOCTIAL REGIONS WITHOUT DUE AND SUBMISSIVE CEREMONY TO BE EXAMINED AS TO FITNESS TO BECOME ONE OF OUR TRUSTY SHELLBACKS, AND A WORTHY SON OF THE SEA
READ IN THREE COLUMNS

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| P2 LAVERGNE | P1 LAYMAN | P1 LYON |
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| SLT WINFIELD | SLT POLNICKY | SLT HOULE |
| SLT MCVICAR | SLT KUTCHER | LT DEWIS |
| 2LT BEHAN | LT BUDD | SLT CERINS |
| OCDT EVANS | 2LT GRAHAM | OCDT HOWE |
| OCDT SCOTT | OCDT WILKES | OCDT WILLIAMS |
| SLT HOWEL | OCDT ANDERSON | OCDT BANVILLE |
| 2LT BERRIDGE | 2LT BURRELL | 2LT COND |
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NEPTUNUS REX ROTTS

PHASE I

4 November 1977, time 2030

(The following dialogue is heard over the Ship's Main Broadcast System - the Bosn's Mate has left the bridge "MIKE" switched on -

BRIDGE - "Captain Sir/OOW" - "Captain"-

"Sir I have a contact on radar bearing RED 45 range 12,000 yards"

CAPTAIN - "Very well plot it. I'll be right up." (Two minutes later)

LOOKOUT - "OOW, Port Lookout" - "bearing RED 45 unidentified object near"

OOW - "Captain: Sir, the contact at RED 45 is closing quickly"

CAPTAIN - "Very good. That may well be King Neptune's Herald. Alter course towards the contact."

BOS'N MATE - (On direction from the OOW makes the following pipe)

"Clear lower decks to the port side of 3rd70 gundeck, pilotage and flag deck. Guard to muster on the starboard side of 3rd70 gundeck."

YUKON alters towards the alleged contact and nothing further is heard until YUKON's ship's company is assembled on the forecastle pilotage and flagdeck. Both Captain and Herald speak. The Captain over the upper deck broadcast system and the Herald with a loudhailer.

(The Herald on the forecastle and the Captain on the bridge.)

HERALD - (from behind spray) "SHIP AHOY"

CAPTAIN - "YUKON"

HERALD - "I am from the Court of His Oceanic Majesty, King Neptune. I heard your ship from the ocean floor, now tell me where you're headed for."

CAPTAIN - "From PANAMA to CALLAO, PERU manoeuvring all the way. Now I've got lots to do and wish to be on my way. Come forward stranger and state your mission and give us the news we're sadly missing."

HERALD - (Stepping through the spray and waving his sword menacingly)

"I'm no stranger I've the right to be here,
I'm King Neptune's Herald and you've reason to fear.
I'll find out if your ship is clean,
And if by His Majesty you will be seen."

CAPTAIN - "I've stopped my engines, please come onboard,
Your guard of honour is starboard forward.
They're Junior Officers near perfection,
and await Davey Jones' inspection."

HERALD - "Of your courtesy I've taken note;
My attendant shall record it.
And when King Neptune boards your boat,
I'm sure he will reward it."

CAPTAIN - "It is of course without disdain,
That I'll accept your word,
We're crossing into your domain,
So sheath that mighty sword."

HERALD - "King Neptune will be glad, I'm sure,
To have you cross his border:
If you'r a Shellback ...let us hope,
Your papers are in order."
(Herald flourishes sword over his head)

CAPTAIN - "A hardier Shellback never lived,
Nor walked the ocean floor,
So tell King Neptune that I've crossed,
His bloody Line before!
And if you think I'm not that hard,
Have Davey Jones inspect the Guard."

HERALD - "Very well, Captain (he sheaths his sword) I'll do
your will,
Faithful bugler - sound the 'Still'
Davey Jones - inspect the guard."

(Davy Jones with a cortege of Bugler and four bears, advances through the spray. Bugler sounds a very off-key alert. Davy Jones receives the report of the Guard Officer and then proceeds with the inspection using lots of slapstick with a dead fish, i.e. Haircut! Shoes!etc)

DAVEY JONES - (After the inspection)
"So this is the guard you've mustered for me,
A scaliier sight I never did see!
I've inspected many, and I can tell...
They look unclean -- and they smell like hell!"

BEARS - (In their loudest voices) "UNCLEAN! UNCLEAN!"

HERALD - "Keep silence!
While in PANAMA this great ship did lie,
A messenger of Neptune's was sent here to spy.
He scanned the records and papers galore,
to find the number who'd been here before.
To our great surprise, not our dismay,
Many a tadpole becomes a SHELLBACK today."

BEARS - "BLOOD! BLOOD! BLOOD! (--Frantically!!!)

HERALD - (to the bears) "Keep silence!"
(towards the ship's company)
"Loyal and trusty Scribe!"
(Scribe steps from among the assemblage with a ridiculous looking scroll which he tenders to the Herald)

SCRIBE - "I was the spy who scanned the papers,
To learn all I could of numerous capers,
That have been pulled by this ship's crew,
Now listen closely while I tell you:
From this unclean rabble--- this motley mess!
One hundred eighty more or less,
Will learn tomorrow of their horrible fate,
From the Royal Court of Neptune the Great;
And furthermore, I must report,
They plead no mercy from this Court."

BEARS - "UNCLEAN!"

HERALD - "By 0900 from the ship's time check,
The Court will convene on the Quarterdeck.
King Neptune will in state appear,
By the ancient laws well steeped in beer,
And here he shall with iron hand,
Initiate the Tadpoles of your band."

SCRIBE - "All Hail King Neptune!"

BEARS - (In a fit of frantic fervour -- SHRIEK!)
"BLOOD! BLOOD! BLOOD!"

CAPTAIN- "KEEP SILENCE!
We shall be ready for your King,
And glad to meet his Queen.....
And to give our boys a little cheer,
Will she bring her fair daughters here?"

HERALD - "It cannot be - A sea-nymph form,
Would take each sailors heart by storm,
The Good Queen bars them from such shows,
In any case they have no clothes,
The Queen will come alone!"

(More wolf calls from the BEARS as they retire through
the spray. The Herald goes last and pauses to say in
a loud voice:-)

HERALD - "I recommend you all rest with sorrow,
"ONLY THE FITTEST",
Shall survive tomorrow."

(Forecastle lights are turned out and a heinous, sub-
human laugh is heard from the eyes of the ship. PYRO
lights of several colours are set off to end phase I)

PHASE II - 050900 NOV 77 Longitude 81°00' W Latitude 0°0

The scene shifts to the Quarterdeck the Following Morning. Lower Decks have been cleared to the Quarterdeck. King Neptune's Court in full regalia has assembled in the Wardroom. The Bears and Police have placed themselves around the Royal Throne awaiting the grand entrance. The Herald and the Bugler come onto the Quarterdeck. (Starboard side)

BUGLER - Sounds the "Still"

HERALD - "Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Make way for His Glorious Oceanic Majesty Neptunus Rex, Ruler of all who sail upon the sea on their lawful occasions, Hear Ye, Hear Ye."

(King Neptune enters, followed by the Queen and the remainder of the Court.)

HERALD - "All Hail King Neptune."

BEARS &- "All Hail King Neptune."
POLICE

(After the Court has taken up their positions on the stage)

HERALD - "Captain, call your crew to attention for the Oceanic Anthem."

CAPTAIN - "Ships Company, "Attention"."

(Lead by the Herald, the complet ensemble of Shellbacks sing in Delorous Tones, the "Oceanic Anthem", to the tune of "All Hail Methusalem")

ALL HAIL HIS MAJESTY,
THE RULER OF THE RAGING SEA,
ALL HAIL QUEEN AMPHRITRITE,
HER GORGEOUS BEAUTY, - WHAT A SIGHT?

CAPTAIN - "Ships Company", "Stand at Ease."
"In humblest duty, Sire I bring,
To you, Our Oceanic King,
That all here onboard may submit,
To what in Ancient Laws is Writ.

NEPTUNE - "Good Morning "YUKON", you've come a long way,
I've waited months for this glorious day.
You know full well what I've come to do,
For I hear there are Tadpoles among your crew."

HERALD - "My barbers are good and widely renowned,
(Barbers step forward gestulating sadistically.)

Their razors are sharper than has ever been ground,
My Doctors are butchers, and as for their pills,
They're better than Exlax for curing your ills."

CAPTAIN - "Ere you punish our crimes with that terrible fork,
I present for your favour, my crew to your Court."

NEPTUNE - "From my Courtly Herald I've heard it told,
That ther's some in your crew so brave and bold,
As to warrant my favour...there may be some missed,
So worthy Herald, bring forth my Honour list."

HONOURS LIST

HERALD - "As Excutive Officer and number one wheel,
Before our Great King, I do ask you to kneel."

NEPTUNE - "While you kneel before us, Illustrious X.O.,
I have here an honour, on you, to bestow.
Although an old timer, it's quite plain to see,
Soon thirty-two years of service t'will be.
Your old fashioned ways and kipper accent,
Are in tune with the times so do not repent.
For service so loyal, we bestow this award,
Directly from Gieves, this small golden sword.
Now with this award, a promise we ask,
It's really quite simple and hardly a task.
Extra beer for all my court is easily done,
To round-out this day of mischief and fun."

"What say you, X.O.?"

X.O. - "It shall be done!"

HERALD - "Arise, old X.O. and double away,
Go get the beer; for our Shellbacks, this day."

HERALD - "PETTY OFFICER K. OKE! (Hull Technician)"

NEPTUNE - "For service above all that was tasked,
Before our Great King, you now have been asked.
Your creations in wood are true things of joy,
They've all been admired; by man and by boy.
You've put in long hours and deserve a reward,
Your name's been endorsed by each one on our board.
We feel that, through time, you've passed every test,
The name of KEN OKE's on our Honours List."

HERALD - "MASTER SEAMAN BERBECK"

NEPTUNE - "Though on loan from MACKENZIE, you've jumped right in,
To aid us on YUKON, to flush out the sin.
You're a Shellback who truly deserves our applause,
Upon crossing the brow, you ralley'd our cause.
You've proved of true Shellbacks there's one kind,
No matter where found; on land or on brine.
So stand and be counted as one of my best,
Your name now appears on my honours list."

SHELLBACK DEFAULTERS

HERALD - (Addressing His Majesty)
"If your Majesty minds it convenient,
We've had time enough to be lenient.
It's just about time for that big tank of brine,
To make them all Shellbacks for "CROSSING THE LINE".
And if you will see the Defaulters first,
We'll save till last, the best of the worst."

NEPTUNE - "Make it so."

HERALD - "Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye. The Circuit Shellback
Court of His Oceanic Majesty, Neptunus Rex is now
In session, Judge Samual Seaweed presiding."

NEPTUNE - "King Neptune I. Lord of the Sea,
Welcome you all who ere you be;
I am the Lord of the Oceans wide,
Lord of the Rivers...Lord of the Tide.
My Laws are strict, but do not fear,
If only you will persevere,
To keep the freedom of the seas,
As recognized by our Decrees.
Here are the Bears, the Suds and the Bath,
They are the only certain path,
For all who wish to cross the line,
And be enrolled as sons of mine.
In order then, as we command,
Before us let each Tadpole stand,
Who has his freedom yet to win...
Enough...My trusty men begin."

HERALD - "Bears into the pool." ("Bears are you ready.")

JUDGE - (Rapping his gavel) "First Case."

DEFAULTERS LIST

COURT POLICE - "Oceanic Majesty Sire."

"There are Shellbacks amongst us,
Who have failed to be true.
They have not paid the homage,
That is rightly your due.
Your police will attest and before you bring,
Defaulters to hear of the wrath of their King.
The first is a shellback who should tremble with fear,
POLICE!!! CHARLES M. THOMAS -
C4 BRING HIM HERE!

(Once on stage in front of Neptune)

To your Royal Domain this Shellback came,
Most of his journey he made by plane.
This disregard for the ocean so blue,
Requires a judgement to be issued by you."

NEPTUNE - "Judgement comes to all this day,
As a Shellback and criminal - I'll make you pay.
To come to me by other than sea,
I sentence you to dunkings three.

COURT POLICE - "POLICE!! Bring forth WOODRUFF initials D.S.,
For his crime he'll be sentenced - we ask nothing less.
This case is a Shellback who is lazy and vain,
He did not help prepare for your Royal Domain.
On our way to your court we had meetings galore,
But this idle swine hid away in his store.
His efforts were lean, he contributed nought,
Here he now stands to be tried by your court."

NEPTUNE - "You worthless fish, you miserable spawn,
I'll make you wish you had never been born.
Take him away and cleanse him for me,
A hair cut, a shave and two dunkings - No three."

COURT POLICE - "The third case before you,
Will give you no glee.
POLICE!! Fetch BOUCHER,
Whose christian name's GUY.
This case is sad and a sin to behold,
He came with his boss for the lure of pure gold.
He flew like a crabfat all greasy and slick,
They say on occasion he gets quite sea-sick.
There is mitigation for this scurvy wretch,
And we ask that his sentence be light.
In order to get us to your sunny clime,
As a staff he has worked day and night."

NEPTUNE - "This Shellback's case is a pity to see,
Restore his status with a shave that is free.
Then wash him well in our Royal Pool,
Take him away - the poor bloody fool."

COURT POLICE - "The final case on your docket this day,
Is one you don't frequently see.
POLICE!! Bring the Captain,
That KIERAN chap - there!
And present him on full bended knee."
"Since you made him a Shellback,
In years long ago,
He has risen in stature and fame,
But in June of this year in a misguided act,
He failed to live up to your name.
The scene was Esquimalt - a beautiful spot,
And the sport was for Shellbacks of note.
A Regatta was held and one race was for him,
In a twin engine fast despatch boat.
The boats left the line in a thunderous roar,
T'was a sight both exciting and fast.
But before he had gone twenty yards - not much more,
He was dead in the water and last.
His efforts to get his poor boat under way,
Were futile and half hearted too.
It was clear to us as we watched from the dock,
On his own - he knew not what to do.
And so Neptune Rex, as a ruler of might,
We give you this Shellback of note.
He was given the chance to put up a fight,
But could not find his way round his boat."

NEPTUNE - "This picture you give fills our mind with aggression,
On you I will make a lasting impression.
You're either a fool or that day you were ill,
I'll have my good doctor prescribe you a pill.
His pills are quite large but to help wash it down,
My bears will then dunk you,
But won't let you drown."

"AWAY"

PHASE III

KING NEPTUNE supervises the initiation of the "TADPOLES."