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EQUATOR OFF  
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USS MULLINNIX (DD-944)  
FPO NEW YORK 09501

FRIDAY  
11 APRIL 1969

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\* \* \* Underway from Belawan, Indonesia to Subic Bay, R.P.  
\* \* \* Post the Pollywog Watch Bill.  
1300 Set the Pollywog Watches - Port Section.  
1400 Relieve the Pollywog Watches.  
1400 Set the Pollywog Watches - Starboard Section.  
1500 Secure the Pollywog Watches.  
1515 Beauty contest to select "MISS POLLYWOG BEAUTY QUEEN".  
1545 Muster Side Boys for the arrival of Davy Jones (See Note 2 for designation of Side Boys)  
1600 (About) Davy Jones arrives.  
1800 Curfew. No Pollywogs allowed out of assigned living compartments. (Less regular watch standers)  
2000 Movie for Shellbacks on the mess deck.  
2000 Taps for all Pollywogs.

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NOTES

1. Holiday Routine promulgated by CO MUX cancelled at 1300, 11 April!  
HONORABLE SHELLBACKS NOW IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE SHIP. BEWARE!

2. Side Boys for the arrival of Davy Jones are listed below. Division Officers ensure reliefs are provided for sideboys on watch. Uniform for side boys will be: Diapers with kerchief over their head, shoes, socks and carry a bucket and swab.

SIDE BOYS FOR DAVY JONES

Pollywog	ENS HUBER	AM2 HIGGINS
Boatswain Mate:	EMCS WARD	SH2 BRICKNELL
BM3 ELLIOTT	FTCS BLECKLEY	RM3 WOJCIK
	STG3 COX	DCFN KLAMM

3. The "MISS POLLYWOG BEAUTY QUEEN" and her two assistants will be presented to Davy Jones.

4. All Pollywogs will be in prescribed uniforms as listed on the Pollywog Watch Bill or will be dealt with as "SPECIAL CASES" and all the rath accorded this category of the most damed slimy Pollywogs.

5. All slimy Pollywogs which shirk duty or do not carry out assigned watches and details assigned by the Pollywog Watch Bill will be JAILED as "SPECIAL CASES".

6. Pollywogs found out of their bunks after 2000 will be considered "SPECIAL CASES" and delt with accordingly.

7. The crossing of the Equator is an occasion in it's self. It is colorful and a lot of fun for Shellbacks and Pollywogs!!?? Not all sailors are as fortunate as those on MUX in being able to cross the Equator. The Commodore and Captain have many years of total naval service, and yet have not crossed the Equator. Needless to say - both are at the top-of-the-list of SPECIAL CASES.

8. It is the desire of all men of the sea to be numbered among those called Shellbacks and to be able to relate sea stories of their first crossing and the ordeals they went through to become a Shellback and on subsequent crossings the trails on how he put a lowly Pollywog through it all himself. It is with this thought, that everyone must keep in mind - "Be a good sportsman". We do not want anyone hurt or injured during the initiation, but too, we want a severe initiation that will be a fond memory, not only to the old crusty Shellbacks, but to the new Shellbacks that we gladly and with dignity welcome into our fold of Honorable Shellbacks.

9. Ship's Office will publish a memento of your crossing of the Equator at a later date.

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