



H.M.S. Theseus.
A Proclamation.

Whereas by our Kingly Condescension We have this day permitted

N. Godden

to enter Our Royal Domain, on board His Britannic Majesty's Ship "Theseus" and whereas he has undergone the necessary initiation, We by these presents do give this Royal Warrant under our Sign Manual, in token that the aforesaid has become one of Our Royal Subjects.

We further require that all Sharks, Dolphins, Sea Snakes, etc., such as have not yet entered our Royal Domain, do treat the aforesaid with all the respect to which our duly qualified and Royal Subjects are entitled. Given at Our Court on the Equator in the Atlantic Ocean this 31st Day of October, 1948.

Neptune Rex

Daily Disorders.

Tuesday Friday 8th October 1948

Dress of the day: Legs 11 negative seaboots

Officers: Couple of ducks negative goloshes

Extraequatorial Sea Routine

0000	Pipe watchmen. What, of the night?
0001	Wake watchmen and ask him
0303	Boys turn out
0307	Boys to the cookhouse door boys
0313	If eggs not fried, boys turn in
0325	Chief's and PO's tea in the sergeants mess. No guard and steerage. No names no pack drill.
0347	Hands turn out
0348	Hands turn over
0349	Hands turn in
0350	Hands turn out again, call the roll, roll over, turn in turn out
0400	[If hands awake] Hands turn to, hands turn with, by or from [perhaps up]
0405	Action stations. Stand fast orlicons. Fire a fusillade
0410	Exercise DC state 99. Ordinary seamem plug shot holes
0500	[If hands have not turned out by this time] Belay all preceding pipes. THEN AS FOR DAILY SEA ROUTINE UNTIL 0501
0605	Stokers toll the bell ...naval airmen go to -----
0650	Up spirits
0650¼	Down spirits
0651	Draw lime juice. Down lime juice. Up lime juice.
0700	Call the hands. Call the telephone exchange. Close interceptors. Open bathrooms

0725	Away all boats. Special punting party man the copper punt
0729	Boats crew change round
0730	Hands to supper. All work will now cease for the day. Belay the last pipe.
0830	Ship open to visitors
x0900	Royal guard and band to muster on the after list [lift down]
x0910	Royal visitors muster on the forward lift [lift down]
x0920	King Neptune his Queen and their cohorts rise on forward lift [perhaps]. Received by Commander and First Lieutenant [if they have not fallen into the lift well] Royal guard and band
x0930	Captain and Admiral welcome royal visitors with a few well chosen words
x0945	Presentation of honours and awards
x1000	King Neptune's defaulters. Dress for officers - picnic rig
1030	Heaven knows what!
1159	Court will rise [if they can]
1200	Hands to breakfast. Pipe leave. Leave will be only given by special invitation of King Neptune to non-swimmers who can hold their breath for 3 hours. Hands to break and trend clothes
1230	List the ship. Caulk the seam. Kick the bucket. Take the can [a gratuitous issue of one bottle will be made to each mess]
1231	Clocks will be advanced 5 hours 31½ minutes
1802	Both watches for exercise fall in on Admirals stern walk. Cheer ship.
1930	Cinema for ship's company in the foc'sle locker
2105	Rounds - round and round the mulberry bush
2130	Wipe down
2230	Pipe down. Clear ship of mermaids not yet water borne

x = Correct times to be reported to King Neptune

Signed. C. Bones Commander RN [gone nuts]

DAILY DUTY LIST

Duty Lt Cdr	Gone away	Duty GM	Gone with the wind
OOD	Gone ashore	Duty Elect	Gone to earth
Mid of the Watch	Gone for a drink	Duty NCO	Gone to the devil
Duty E.O.	Gone up in smoke	Duty PO	Just gone [back in 10¾ minutes]
Duty Medical Officer	Gone sick	Duty Watch	Midships...steady as she goes

Notes:

1. All men are to be careful and wear their best suits. They are bound to get ruined, and there are no more in slops.
2. Once you have been initiated you automatically become an ally of King Neptune and seek out the uninitiated.