

THE MAKING OF A SHELLBACK



A quick look for the equator.



The WHEC-81 "Five"



Zorba-the-Bear doing the Mexican Hatch Dance.

DOMAIN OF NEPTUNUS REX

THE CREW OF THE USCGC BIBB

Know ye, that
 on the 19th day of Nov 19 68 aboard the
 USCGC BIBB (WHEC 31), Latitude 00-00, Longitude

105° 38' E appeared into Our Royal Domain and having been inspected and found worthy by My Royal Staff, was initiated into the

Solemn Mysteries of the Ancient Order of the Deep
 I command my subjects to honor and respect the Learner of this certificate as One of Our Trusty Shellbacks.

R. J. EASTMAN R. D. CASANTI

His Royal Scribe Ruler of the Raging Moon

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Shellback I. D. card

It is an ancient tradition on sea-going vessels to initiate those in the crew who have yet to cross the Equator (Pollywogs) into the Royal Domain of Neptunus Rex and so become trusty Shellbacks. The ritual, as depicted on the following pages, was conceived by the veterans of previous crossings. These salty Shellbacks ruled the day, their every whim a Pollywog command. The ceremony took place on November 19, a few hours steaming

TIME COMPARISON TABLE

to determine the zone time and date of any zone from a given time and date. When crossing the Date Change Line from left to right add one day to the date, when crossing from right to left subtract one day from the date.

Examples: