

## Domain Of The Golden Dragon



Late in September, we crossed the International Date Line at the 180th Meridian. Nautical tradition has it that everyone who crosses the 180th for the first time must be initiated into the Realm of the Golden Dragon - and the men of the HAMILTON were no exception! Serious charges against the scallywags (or pollywogs, as the newcomers are called) are read to all hands, after which the sentences are carried out, among them, kissing the Royal Infant's belly and the Queen's Most Royal Foot. Luckily, no one was sentenced to walk the plank though and after an exhausting day that began before sunrise, HAMILTON continued west, not quite sure what lay ahead, but eager nevertheless.

