

While the "new" ASHTABULA celebrated her first birthday by holding swim call off the China mainland, we recalled her history during the last quarter century which saw this ship actually at sea more than 17 of her 25 years and we couldn't help think that for such an "old" ship she did pretty well. Sometimes we felt like we wanted to scuttle the ship when it seemed everything was breaking down (always in the middle of the night), but in the final analysis it is always the people that make up a ship's personality and it's the crew that dictates the final performance. ASHTABULA made a reputation of good performance throughout the Western Pacific and after all, it did get us there and back!

