



Proclamation

BY HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY
NEPTUNUS REX



This Proclamation
was delivered by Davy Jones
on the afternoon
before
crossing the "line."



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

I bring tidings from HIS ROYAL MAJESTY, EMPEROR of all THE SEAS and MOST GRACIOUS RULER of all the inhabitants of THE MIGHTY OCEANS.

Therefore do I, Davy Jones, Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary from his IMPERIAL HIGHNESS NEPTUNUS REX IMPERATOR, bring royal greetings to his Majesty's most distinguished subjects, Vice Admiral W. S. Pye and Captain H. T. Markland, and to all the loyal Shellbacks entering the Imperial Domain on board the United States Ship WEST VIRGINIA.

ALL HAIL! ALL HAIL! ALL HAIL!

And to all ye MISERABLE POLLYWOGS and LANDLUBBERS do I, the representative of the King, bring fearful warnings. Grovel on the deck in fear and trembling, Oh ye INSIGNIFICANT TADPOLES, and spend ye the night in serious meditation and prepare ye well the defense that ye will present to the Royal Court in contemplation of your grievous sins, and pray ye mightily that ye be finally accorded the great privilege of entrance into the Royal Domain.

And to all those SCURVY SCOFFERS, MISERABLE RIFFRAFF from the beach, those UNMENTIONABLES who by means of their insidious but futile mouthings have endeavored to bring discredit upon the Realm of the Mighty Ruler of the Sea; to this SCURRILOUS SCUM of the EARTH I bring dire warning of their impending doom. Shiver and shake ye SPURIOUS SPAWN SPEWED by the FILTHY EARTH as ye contemplate the fearsome punishment that awaits.

Notwithstanding this dastardly attack upon the Realm of the Mighty Ruler of the Deep, His Imperial Majesty in all his Graciousness and Justness has decided to accord these MISERABLE MALEFACTORS the great privilege of a defense and therefore has had prepared a summary of the charges to be answered before the Royal Court. Look ye well to your defense and seek ye the Mercy of his Most Royal Majesty the King.

Deputy of the Royal Scribe, serve ye the Royal Subpoenas to senior Shellback of each division.