

## CROSSING THE LINE

To all mermaids, sea serpents, lobsters, crabs, polliwogs and other living things of the sea. Let it be known that on the 25th day of April, 1990 the **USS TRUXTUN** appeared at the equator at the longitude 084.34 degrees east, entering the royal domain of Neptunes Rex, ruler of the deep. To assure safe passage for the remainder of the cruise, atonement for this crime was required from those slimy polliwogs who had not previously sworn loyalty to his Royal Highness in the presence of the Royal Court. Before the days end, an interesting metamorphosis took place, the slimy wogs were initiated into the solemn mysteries of the ancient order to become **TRUSTY SHELL-BACKS!**

