



The Italian Stallion



"Let me show you a trick."

When the waves were breaking, and the ship was pitching and rolling and all weather decks were secured, out came the fantail hoppers to the flight deck taking small jumps and moving a long way as the ship moved under them. These devoted people waited the whole trip for the worst possible weather which is the best weather for these people.

BM3 Vanderwerf deserves a word of praise for his fine leadership capabilities and beer can collecting. Other notables are SN Wright who's incomparable sail locker has fallen apart since he left the ship and SN Sjrursen who's paint locker got underway as often as the ship did. Sjrursen gave it a valiant effort.

On the return trip we had a deck split which filled the paint locker full of water. All deck hands turned out to help. SA "Chainfalls" Paulman and SN Cunningham were down in the paint locker passing out paint cans which in turn were thrown over board by the deckies and the problem was soon under control.

An honorable mention goes to GMC Cox and GM3 Horne for the skeet shoots on the flight deck and their attempts to blast the ice (which only made a lot of noise), but was a break in the everyday routine.

An attempt to cover all the people and events would be futile. Many others deserve recognition and there are many tales to be told of an unforgettable trip. Let the people who made the trip relate to things that happened, for no words can describe the storms, places, people and their own personal experiences.