

## Arctic Circle Crossing Initiation

POLAR SEA crossed the Arctic Circle on July 13th, 40NM west of Greenland. The 140 blue noses were properly initiated by the 13 polar bears and earned the right to carry the Arctic Circle crossing card.

The boisterous ceremony of crossing the circle is of such ancient vintage that its derivation is lost; such horse-

play took place in the Middle Ages when ships passed through the St of Gibraltar. These early ceremonies were extremely rough and were supposed to test the "boots" to see if they could endure the hardships of life at sea. Then as now, it is primarily a crew's "party".



Top — MKC Volpe hoists the Jolly Roger.  
Above — This man did not pay his haircut insurance.