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BOUTWELL Crosses the Line

BOUTWELL once again sailed into King Neptune's domain as the ship crossed the equator while patrolling the Eastern Pacific. Nautical legend has it that those new members of the crew that are crossing the equator for the first time must go before King Neptune and his court and prove they are worthy of a place within his watery kingdom. Those yet to be accepted—Pollywogs, or Wogs for short—must earn the respect of the salty Shellbacks, who have previously proven their worth, through a series of activities during the week. The final test is an audience with the King. The decision by his Court is final. Upon completion of the Line Crossing Ceremony all newly inducted Shellbacks receive a certificate proving they are worthy to sail the seven seas. Even more revered than a Shellback is the Golden Shellback who has crossed the equator at the International Date Line.

Dating back centuries, Line Crossing Ceremonies were once the tool of seasoned sailors to ensure their new shipmates were up to the hardships of an ocean-going life. The ceremony has undergone many changes throughout its storied history, but now serves as an exercise in team building, allowing those new to the high seas to learn about the rich nautical history of those who have come before them. It is through traditions such as this that the modern day Coast Guard maintains a connection to its sailing past.

HS3 Curtis Munsey



Captain Peter J. Brown

Hello again Fred's Place Members and Readers,

This week I have the sad task of expressing my regrets for the loss of a Coast Guard member in an operational accident. Petty Officer Ronald Gill of the Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) from Anchorage, Alaska was ejected from a boat while performing security operations in Puget Sound, Washington and died from the injuries he sustained. We on BOUTWELL mourn his loss and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his unit at this difficult time. Here on BOUTWELL, we recently held our quarterly safety board meeting and reviewed our own procedures and equipment in effort to keep our crew as safe as possible. In other news, we also recently advanced several crew members, including two Chief Petty Officers - MKC Waggoner (1 March) and ETC Livingston (1 April). Congratulations to both of them, both will be moving to new units and positions of greater responsibility in the very near future. For now, we continue to rely on their expertise to train and develop our junior sailors. Together, the entire crew of BOUTWELL is still diligently searching the ocean for our next drug bust. With luck, we'll have a sea story or two to tell next week. Until then, thanks for your support of the Coast Guard and of BOUTWELL!

Sincerely,

CAPT Peter J. Brown

Commanding Officer

USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719)

Underway in the EastPac . . .

Fish Call

The luck of the Irish must have stuck around Boutwell the day after St. Patrick's Day, because we had nothing but a lucky and bountiful catch during an impromptu fish call last Sunday. It all started with Captain Brown coming over the IMC (military for: the ships PA system) and piping "Down Down All Lines, Up Up All Fish" This means all hands interested, can grab one of our eight morale fishing poles and try their luck. Not five minutes after the first line and lure hit the water there were approximately 20 Dorado's (Mahi Mahi) waiting in line for a free trip onboard Boutwell.

Our top angler for the day was HSC Ray Funke bringing onboard six of the total twelve Mahi Mahi caught that day. The other anglers of the day were: SK2 Krug, BM2 Duffer, ETCS Lock, ET2 Ater, and EM3 McGann. Our other surprise was the last minute catch by OS3 Michael Weelmaa, he brought onboard a beautiful 40lbs Wahoo. There was another Wahoo on ET2 Joe Ater's line, but the gaff didn't come through in time. All the fish that were caught were taken over to the Fish Cleaning Capstan, where FN John P. Brown, OS1 Laura Alcon, MKC Scott Waggoner, and June Delacruz were slicing, dicing, and packing away our savory bounties of the sea.



OS3 Weelmaa and OS1 Alcon with his Wahoo!.



HSC Funke and his last Mahi Mahi.



FN Brown and OS1 Alcon cleaning away.

Written by: OS1 Laura L. Alcon

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CLEP examinations give military personnel the ability to gain college credits by taking standardized tests. These college-level education programs are offered in a broad range of subjects, from cultural arts to world history. Onboard CGC BOUTWELL, shipmates study college-level mathematics through the teachings of ENS Morgan. ENS Morgan earned a degree in Mathematics at the USCG Academy during the process of becoming a commissioned officer. The CLEP Math class challenges BOUTWELL's finest minds in algebra, factoring, logic, and probability, just for starters. This test is deemed a difficult one to take but is the most rewarding. As it awards six college credits it is well worth the work. Studying for the test occurs over a six week period with the test being administered during the final week. BOUTWELL sailors meet with ENS Morgan twice a week to wipe away the cobwebs of their high school math and to learn higher-level college math that will aid them in passing this CLEP.

-OS3 PITRELLI

SHOUT OUTS!

"Neng, Jessie and Nanay. Miss you and I love you very much. Chief's Mess enjoyed the lumpia and says Thank you. I'll be home soon"

I love you Denise, Nicholas and Noah. Daddy will be home soon.

" Hi babe, we're still out here, say hi to your mom for me, and as for you, I'm loving you more as the day's go by, waiting to hold you again, stay safe and love you."

-J

Staci, Austin and Alexis,

Daddy's almost home. I can't wait to go camping with you. Be good for mommy!

Thank you for being so supportive and for taking care of everything in my absence.

Love,

Randall

Hello Snooky,

See you soon my shorty. Stank

Hey Bebe,

Almost home, can't wait to see those beautiful eyes again.

I love you with all of my heart.

Ciao Nena.

Shelly,

I miss you and the Kids! Love ya!
John

To all my friends and family: I Miss and Love all of you. I'll be home very soon.

Love Beth

Hello everyone! I hope everything is going well. Please keep me in your prayers.

Shell

Shana,

I miss you more and more each day.

Im on my home to you baby.

I love you.

- Jesse

Sweetheart,

I love you so much and I'm almost home. Keep a light on in the window for me and never forget how much I love you.

Thanks for everything you've done for me. I miss you and love you more.

Your Sweetie

V/R

GM3 Jackson

HOLA FAMILIA AND FRIENDS

I WANTED TO TAKE A FEW LINES HERE TO SAY HELLO. I SURE MISS EACH AND EVERY-ONE OF YOU. I CANT WAIT TO GO BACK HOME AND BE WITH ALL OF YOU GUYS. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR PRAYERS AND WISHES.

I LOVE YOU GUYS. QUE DIOS LOS BENDIGAN.

JESSIE MENDOZA

"DJ TISM"

SHOUT OUTS!

Shmooncey,

I choo choo choose you.

Love, Handles.

Hi to my honey Andrea, Arianna, Edward & Evan, Just wanted to drop a line to say I miss ya! Hi Marie, Landon and Jessey, I hope all is well with the new little one. See ya soon!

Hugs and Kisses, Hubby, Dad, Ed

Ryan,

Only a few weeks till good times, good friends, and hella sweet W2W's!

Mmmmwwah!

Love,

Laura

Jen, Mom and Dad,

Almost done with another one. Can't wait to see you guys. I love you guys.

Jeremy

Chanel, Chase, Caleb and Cayla, dad will be home shortly. Cant wait, I love you!

Kristina and Mackenzie

Daddy will be home soon two more weeks to

I love you guys very much and miss you with all my heart

I love you guys very much

Love daddy

Mom, Dad, and Little sis

I miss you go so much and I will be home soon. Cant wait to see you guys.

Love you

Love your son

Craig

Happy Birthday to My Dad and Niece Chloe.

Love, Jerry

Hi Sweetie,

17 More Days!!! Can't wait. It's been really hard to hear the boy on the phone and not be there to love on him and hold him. I miss a lot as a sailor like his little stories and even his little temper tantrums. That is just one of the costs we have to make to keep our country free. My love to you both Andy

Mi amor de mi vida yo Pienso en ti todos las dias. Yo te amo y estranas mucho y mucho besitos para ti Muah Muah! 19 days and its peanut butter jelly time. Me and you in a nice cozy apartment overlooking the skyline. See you there mi vida. I'm on my way...buy some candles...Love you ~ Michael W.

OMBUDSMAN CORNER

Hello my name is Heather Stapley and I am filling the Ombudsman role for the ship. I am excited about the serving in the position and look forward to meeting all of you.

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