

# *IMPERIUM NEPTUNI REGIS*

*To all Sailors,*

*Gail Riders, Hurricane Jockeys, Mermaids, Depth Dwellers, Salt Eaters, Guppies, Tarpons, Sea Cows, Pirannahs, Swordfish, Tadpoles, Sea Leeches, Sturgens, Bucketbills, and all other drab tennents of the deep*

*Greetings:*

*Know that on (a certain date) at Latitude 00.00.00 and Longitude XX.XXXXY  
There appeared within the boundary of my royal domain the good ship USS (some ship) bound for the Equator.*

*Know Ye*

*That said survy vessel and her grimy crew of puny polywogs have since inspected, instructed, and passed by my Royal Staff and my Regal Self.*

*Know Ye Well*

*That (some sailor) having been found worthy and capable to be numbered as a Trusty Shellback of the most lofty order and has been thoroughly initiated into the Mystic Rites and*

## *SOLEMN MYSTERIES of the ANCIENT ORDER of the DEEP*

*Know Ye Further:*

*To all subjects under the unlimited scope of my crusty scepter by unquestioned rite of rein I command you to show due honor, unparalleled respect, and regal courtesy to him wherever he may be.*

*Disobey This Royal Order Under  
Penalty Of My Sovern Displeasure*