

Appendix

King Neptune's Court – Notice of Hearing – by Catamaran "Hawkeye"

1. **Background** Five Pollywog members of the crew of Yacht Hawkeye require the consent of King Neptune to cross the equator. Luckily the Captain of Hawkeye is a Shellback, having crossed the equator on a yacht in the Indian Ocean in 1993, who can act as His Majesty King Neptune (HM). A hearing will be held to determine whether these Pollywog's are fit and proper sailors to cross over the equator.
2. **Charges, in order of appearance**
 - a. (Crew member A). Sneering at the discipline of King Neptune's Court.
 - b. (Crew member B). Being too honest and, unlike everyone else, admitting to eating peanut M&M's
 - c. (Crew member C). Telling too many rude jokes and generally being over-happy.
 - d. (Crew member D). Saying "sorry" too many times.
 - e. (Crew member E). Just simply for being "Practically Perfect"
3. **Time & Location** The hearing will be held at 2pm ships time on the aft deck of Hawkeye on Saturday 13th January 2023, which is BEFORE the crossing takes place. Maximum hearing length will strictly be no longer than 30 minutes.
4. **Introduction** HM will climb out of the sea, on the port side aft, and take his thrown to the rousing cheers and applause of all Defendants. Any Defendants deemed later to have not cheered loudly enough will be liable to have their sentences increased. All Defendants and Courtiers will refer at all times to King Neptune as "Your Majesty" or "His Majesty".
5. **Procedures**
 - a. HM will select, by pulling names from a hat, two of the Pollywogs to act as his Courtiers to hear proceedings against each Defendant. The Courtiers will sit to the right and left of HM.
 - b. HM will call each Defendant in turn and ask them to sit in the Dock where the charges will be read.
 - c. The Defendant will then:
 - i. Plead guilty or not guilty
 - ii. Provide any evidence and/or mitigation that they would like the Court to take into account.
 - iii. Only if the plea is guilty may the Defendant suggest their own punishment.
 - iv. After completing the evidence, Court Observers will then be allowed to provide their own comments for the Court to take into account, including possible punishments.
 - v. For the avoidance of doubt, all Defendants are guilty until proven guilty and should therefore take note when considering their plea in section C iii.
 - d. A list of possible punishments is provided in Schedule 1. All participants will note the requirement that:
 - i. This list of punishments is not exhaustive and can be added to at the Court's discretion.
 - ii. No punishment will be allowed that is in any way a hardship.
 - e. HM and his Courtiers will consider the evidence provided including any suggestions of a suitable sentence.
 - f. HM will deliver the Court's verdict and the required punishment for the Pollywog to become a Shellback.
 - g. The next Defendant will then take the stand, and a fresh set of Courtiers picked from the hat.
6. **Ending** After the last sentence, Line Crossing Certificates will be awarded to any new Shellbacks accompanied by a tot of rum. King Neptune will then very gracefully climb back into the sea accompanied by loud cheers and applause.

Schedule 1 – List of Possible Punishments

- A. Drinking at least two Hawkeye Martinis
- B. Buying a round of drinks at the first bar ashore in Galapagos
- C. Being exceptionally rude to anyone to whom you have first unnecessarily said sorry
- D. 8-hour snacks ban
- E. Deliberately and repeatedly falling in wingfoiling whilst shouting "I can't get the hang of this"
- F. Inventing a new Equator Cocktail

Imperium Neptuni Regis



CROSSING THE EQUATOR LINE CERTIFICATE

*We, Neptunus Rex
the Monarch of all the
oceans hereby declare that*

*according to a timehonoured
custom, has been duly
inspected and baptixed on
board the good ship*

*and is thereby accorded the
right to free passage on the
Seven Seas and unobstructed
crossing of the Line, under
Our high protection.*

The Equator, on _____
By the servant of the Monarch:

Captain

GIVEN UNDER
OUR HAND
AND THE SEAL
OF THE REALM

Neptunus Rex

