



Around The Horn Flotilla 37 Newsletter December 2014

The Reason For The Season

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a happy new year. This is a December greeting we should all have for each other during this wonderful season of giving.

Why do we give gifts on Christmas? The answer is simple! Our creator gave the first and most precious gift of all and he gave it to all of his creations. That great gift was his son who was God in the flesh, and that gift was given to save a fallen world. So just as that gift was given by our creator to all of us who he loves so very much, we also now give gift to those who we love. This is why it has been said that to give is better than to receive, nothing in life is any greater than to give of yourself to someone you love and to see the excitement and thankfulness in their faces.

So this year “Remember” that you have received the greatest gift of all from the one who loves you most, and give your gifts to remind others that the greatest gift of all has already been offered to anyone who will accept it.

Don’t be afraid to say “Merry Christmas” it may no longer be politically correct but it is always Godly correct.

Merry Christmas

What's new on the "DOO"



Well Auxiliary friends, we have some sad news to report. Ricks baby "RING-DANG-DOO" got real sick during her last mission, she is running a very high fever and now is dock ridden until a proper diagnosis can be made by Dr. Caterpillar.

The Doctor finally came, examined Rick's baby and his diagnosis was not a pleasant one. It seems that DOO has a serious part failure and will require an immediate transplant, but where to find a donor in time to save Rick's boat. Rick immediately began searching for a donor, which proved to be an almost overwhelming task but Rick was not about to give up. Finally his efforts paid off and the badly needed replacement was found.

Delivery seemed to take forever, with one complication after another. Finally it showed up and Dr. Caterpillar was called to perform the surgery. Rick paces the floor like an expectant father for what seemed like forever as the doctor painstakingly removed the defected part and make preparations to replace it. To poor Rick it seemed like days before the surgery was finally complete. At last the doctor returned from the operating room with great news, the surgery was a complete success and DOO is recovering nicely. Rick was relieved to have his baby out of danger and I'm sure that DOO is eager to get back out in the Gulf to play.

Commander's Notes

The holiday season is upon us. I hope that as you read this, you are already planning your Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year's celebrations. They all seem to come at us at once, with little time to actually enjoy the events as they should be experienced. So, it's my hope for you and yours to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with the people that mean the most to you. And don't forget to wish the same to those servicemen and women that we work with year round. Some of them won't be with their families, so keep them in your thoughts.

Don't forget our flotilla Christmas party on the 19th. I hope to see you all there.

Barry Cottrell FC 081-03-07

Famous Quote Of The Month

One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time.

Andre Gide