

# NAVIGATION

The term Navigation is derived from the Latin Navis, a ship, plus Agere, to direct. Thus, navigation is the process of directing the movements of a ship from one point to another. The members of the Navigation Department have taken great pride in their profession. The Quartermasters are skilled in the use of almanacs, sextants, charts and other tools of the profession. The precision demanded by navigation requires a comprehensive knowledge of the use of these instruments. The information derived must be interpreted and applied in such a fashion that precision is tempered with good judgement and safety. The QMs are a close knit, hard-working group. Each one has contributed to the task of getting the "Big E" around the oceans of the world. Each member of the team has his own interpretation of the ways of the sea. In essence some are just saltier than others. The wise man of the sea lives in each of us. The QMs are from all different parts of our country. In fact some needed a sense of navigation just to get out of places like Kentucky to begin with! Many have laid claim, but we all know . . . the QMs are King Neptune's chosen!



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