

Boat Christening Ceremony

Acknowledgement: Thank You Commander Bob

Ships for Centuries have been christened to ensure that good fortune comes to the lady, her crew and guests. So here goes:

“For thousands of years , we have gone to sea. We have crafted vessels to carry us and we have called them by name. These ships will nurture and care for us through perilous seas, and so we affectionately call them “she” To them we toast ,and ask to celebrate (the name of your boat).” Then everyone raises their respective drinks and shouts “ **To the sailors of old, to (name of the boat)!** Take a sip

“ The moods of the seas are many, from tranquil to violent. We ask that this ship be given the strength to carry on. The keel is strong and she keeps out the pressures of the sea” Raise your glasses and everyone says “ **To the Sea ,to the sailors of old, to the Sea!!**” Take a sip

Today we come to name this lady (name of the boat) and send her to sea to be cared for ,and care for the (name of your family) family. We ask the sailors of old and the mood of God that is the sea to accept (name of the boat) as her name ,to help her through her passages, and allow her to return with her crew safely.

Raise glasses and toast: “**To the sea, to the sailors before us ,to (name of the boat).** Last sip by all.

Now pour a little of the various liquids including over her bow to appease King Neptune, and lay a branch of greenery, on the deck to ensure safe returns.

Ok so just how important is this ceremony? Depend on how superstitious you are, but ships and seas have been have been superstitious for centuries. Besides, it never hurts to cover all the bases.