



## Neptunus Rex Certificate, Earl Plimpton, USS *Kentucky* (BB-6), 1908

In 1908, Earl Plimpton received this certificate after crossing the equator aboard the USS *Kentucky* (BB-6). Crossing the equator for the first time is a long-celebrated right of passage in the United States Navy. An elaborate ceremony is performed, and the sailor is awarded a Neptunus Rex certificate.

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