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This story is passed on as best I remember it; but it goes back to 1960, so some of the details may have changed little over time. But this is how I remember it.

We were on the end of a run up on station 14 I believe. A message was received from an AGR north of us on station 12 that they had a crew member who had "lost it". Since we were going in in a few days, they ask if we would take him in with us. The ship agreed and also agreed to take in mail and swap movies. We rendezvoused half way between stations for a highline transfer. As seemed to be the policy at the time, the meeting took place around 0600 so we were all up at 0400 to get ready.

We "provided" so our crew was spread out down the port side "heaving around". Movies and mail were exchanged and then it was time for the personnel transfer. The weather was calm, just the usual ground swells, so there wasn't too much concern over the transfer. The ships

were in constant communication via flashing light. The ship transferring to us said they had the man in a straight jacket and recommended to us we do the same. For safety purposes they would remove him from the straight jacket during the actual transfer in case he went in the water. The group on the receiving end was briefed and was prepared to put the guy in a straight jacket when he hit the deck. These guys made the Green Bay Packers starting line look small.

The chair came up and the man came across without a problem. When he landed on our deck, they pulled out the straight jacket and the fight was on. This guy was not going to put it on. Our guys won after a little wrestling match. As soon as he was subdued, the flashing light came on from the other ship. "Wrong nut. That one is just an officer going on leave." The officer was released and the second personnel transfer was on. This time the guy got out of the chair and held his arms out and put on the straight jacket.

We came home to Davisville a few days later with one calm patient to transfer to Quonset and one Ensign with a black eye to go on leave.