



Sea Stories

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Jerry Polizzi, USS Outpost, 1960-62

I found Joe Walsh's well written sea story about his unfortunate experience under Captain Queeg on the USS Searcher both hilarious and sad. I served as a new ensign on the USS Outpost during the same period, 1960-62, and had exactly the opposite experience. I had the good fortune of having LCDR Frank Horn as skipper, and LT George Thompson as XO. I found them both to be excellent leaders, managers, sailors, and all around highly professional officers whom I was proud to salute. Wardroom morale could not have been better. Captain Horn encouraged me to "ship over" and went so far as to get me shore duty orders to Naples, would you believe. In hindsight, I foolishly chose not to accept them, preferring to ship out on my Third Mates license (a graduate of SUNY Maritime College) simply to "make money". I did, however, stay in the reserves for 19 more years and retired as a LCDR.

