

- THE GOLDEN DRAGON SPEAKS @

Harken all ye landlubbers. Last night the crossing of the 180th Meridian along which runs the International Date Line at this latitude was made by the Kota Baroe. To us on board the only evidence of the crossing will be two consecutive days called Saturday.

The 180th Meridian was selected for the date line for two reasons. First, it is exactly opposite the Zero Meridian which runs through Greenwich, England. Second, it runs through the least amount

of populated land.

The date line does not follow the 180° Meridian at all times, but veers, thru the Bering Straits, and also to miss the several groups of islands in the South Seas, which are politically or economically tied to Australia and The Dutch East Indies.

The date line was set up to answer the need for a common time system and is part of the plan that divides our country

into 4 time zones. We gain a day in crossing the date line in the same way as hours are lost or gained in crossing from one time zone to another.

As we are traveling against the sun we lose from 20 minutes to half an hour each day, returning the minutes to Father Time. When we cross the date line we gain back all that accumulated time in the form of

a whole day.

Assume that we could travel by plane as fast as the earth revelves, and we started from New York at high noon by the sun. Traveling westward around the earth with the sun, we would arrive back in New York at high noon, but 24 hours later by the clock. To us in the plane it would be noon all the way with a change of date at the 180th Meridian.

Fair sailing Hearties

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