

Tortuga LSD-26 1 January 1970

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Two decades and six

She sailed betwixt

Every port under skies.

This night of the year

The future is clear

Tortuga awaits her demise

Lines made fast

Both fore and aft

Secured by Long Beach ties.

Starboard side near

123, Echo Pier

As the New Year beckons and cries.

Cominpac NavSta

Is SOPA on this day

Ready for any surprise

Pacific Fleet craft

Yard, District and aft

Tis Queen Mary I surmise

Another proud lady

Surpassed by her hayday

Her age, her value belies

Lit off on starboard

Cold iron on larboard

Yoke ~~has been~~ set by the DC guys. JTF

In just two more days

Through ~~the~~ thick Long Beach haze JTF

As the tide begins to arise.

We'll sail the proud 'Turtle'

Oe'r her final hurdle

To Vallejo, where her drab future lies.

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