

Princeton (CG-59) 1 January 2020

2200-0200 (CONT'D)

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It's New Year's Eve on the PRINCETON.

Last years, last midwatch has just begun.

Alas I find with trouble I am smitten.

For the midentry in the deck log must be written.

In poetic form so I am told.

A long naval tradition to uphold

I have the deck and am ready to go.

The quarterdeck heater is broken, its freezing cold.

SOPA is the CO of USS PRINCETON.

The XO is ashore and so is Captain [REDACTED].

From the pier miscellaneous services we receive.

But the good spirits remain ashore 'I perceive'.

Our engines are cold as are we.

Just in case we have on standby CTG # 3

Watertight integrity requirements were met,

When material condition yoke was set.

There one more thing we must say to you,

A wish from a weary quarterdeck crew.

Although the work days ahead are a plenty

We wish you a happy two thousand twenty!