RULES TO REMEMBER FOR ENGINEERING OFFICERS

- Anything that can go wrong will go wrong.
- Left to themselves things go from bad to worse.
- If everything appears to be going well you have obviously overlooked something.
- An object will fall where it will do the most damage.
- Any tool dropped whilst being used in the Engine room will roll to the most inaccessible part of the bilge.
- Nothing is impossible to the man who doesn't have it to do.
- The Chief Engineer is always right.
- When the Chief Engineer is wrong refer to the rule above.
- When all else fails read the instruction book.
- Experience gained is proportional to the amount of machinery ruined.
- If it jams, force it.
- If it breaks, it needed replacing anyway.
- Everything takes longer if you think about it.
- Any pipe cut to length will be too short.
- The man who can smile when something goes wrong has thought of someone else to blame.
- Technology is dominated by two types of people; those who understand what they do not manage, those who manage what they do not understand.