

**\$1000 PARTY** – Roger Deppen, MM2 is the source of this story. The FRANK KNOX was refloated August 24, 1965, 0530 in the morning. The forward fire room and engineering spaces, once flooded by the grounding on Pratas Reef, were filled with foam. Number 3 boiler had an air leak and number 4 had ruptured tubes and was taken off line the night before refloating. The after emergency diesel was the ship's power. The ship was towed stern first into Kaohsiung Harbor and placed in the Fourth Chinese Naval Shipyard, 26 August, for temporary repairs. Temporary repairs were completed 20 September. A Court of Inquiry into the grounding was also completed. The ship was towed toward Yokosuka with number 3 boiler repaired and able to come on line.

Deppen recalls as the ship approached Yokosuka permission was received to power up the plant and steam into Yokosuka bow first. The captain called down to main control and offered \$1000 if they could put number 3 boiler on line, power up the port screw and steam into Yokosuka. The machinist mates turned to and powered up the port engine. The ship reversed itself and steamed into Yokosuka using her port engine. Deppen recalls that the \$1000 threw a heck of a party. When I asked Don Greer BT3 about the party he answered "I never saw any money or attended any party.

FKRA will buy drinks if the Machinist Mates and BT's involved are in the room at our reunions so this inequity is resolved.