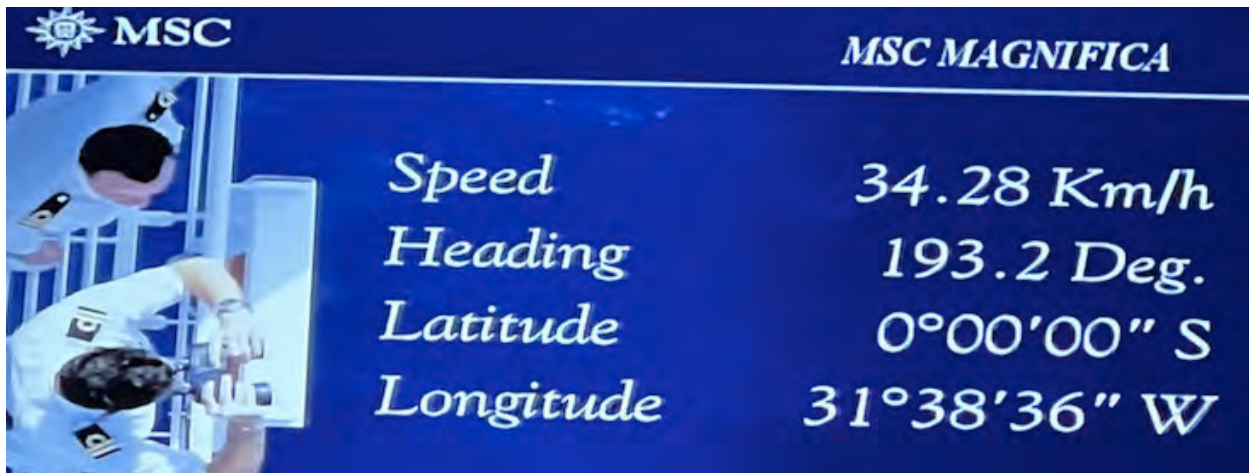


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According to the definition the Equator is a great circle around the Earth that is equidistant from the geographic poles. This conventional and imaginary line “divides” the Earth in two hemispheres. This means that for a brief instant the position of the ship will be exactly between the North and the south Hemisphere. Latitude is exactly 0, the only number different from all other numbers. This is not the only thing that makes the Equator unique. Gravity is lower at Latitude zero, due to a greater centrifugal force. Furthermore, the water swirls in the opposite direction in each hemisphere. The name is derived from medieval Latin word “aequator”, in the phrase “circles equator diet et noctis” meaning circle equalizing day and night. There is a widespread maritime tradition of holding ceremonies to mark the sailor’s first crossing of the Equator. The ship actually had a party scheduled at 3:30 am to toast the crossing on Deck 14 by the pool, I was already up so I went and along with a dozen other people waited only to be told later that the party was in the Disco. We all went to the Disco and then were told the crossing would be at 4:00, only to be told later it would be closer to 5:00am. I was already up so I waited, they had pigs in a blanket and champagne, and we watched on a monitor for the monitor to reach 0, I took a picture of the tv screen. There were lots of people dancing and celebrating. The ship’s crew took a group picture of all of us and we were told they would make sure we each got one. I will post the picture when I get it.

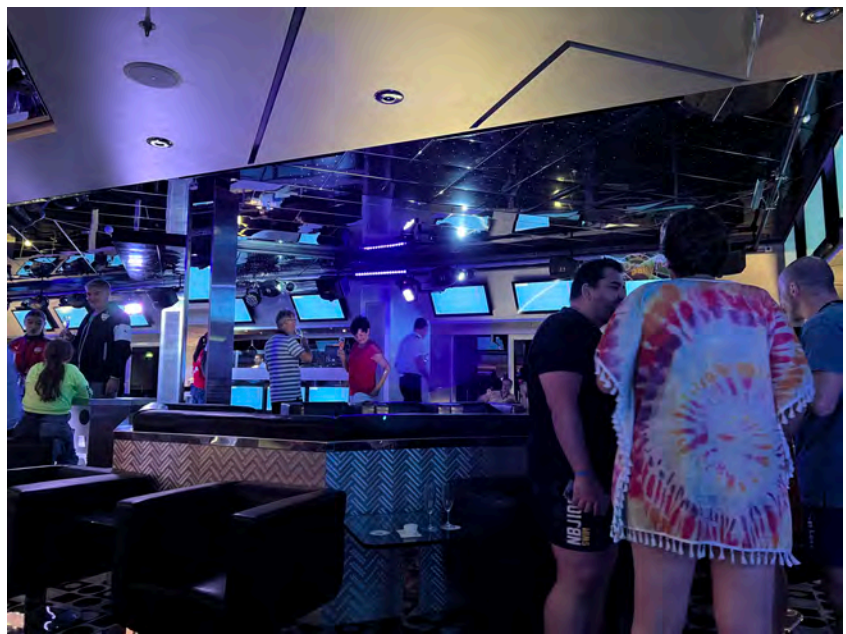


King Neptune has come on board to meet all the brave explores who dare to cross the equator.
All guests were invited to King Neptune's Baptism at the Pool Area on Deck 13 at 11:00

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Party in the Disco Lounge

King Neptune has come on board to meet all the brave explores who dare to cross the equator. All guests were invited to King Neptune's Baptism at the Pool Ave on Deck 13 at 11:00. Lots of people turned out.



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Entertainment in the Theatre
tonight: Beatles Celebration.
Back with more favorite songs.

