

Fun and Education for Younger Sailors

Pigs At Sea!

Nearly 75 years ago, three black pigs sailed aboard the four masted sailing ship *Moshulu*. The pigs didn't know they were destined to become food for the crew, so they lived out their days without a care as the ship sailed from Ireland to Australia.

Because the livestock pens were small and because the sailors were kind, the pigs, named Fabian, Auguste and Filimon, were allowed to spend much of their time roaming freely on deck. Little did the sailors know how much trouble pigs could be.

Sailing a ship the size of *Moshulu* is hard work and when the sailors got a break, they would climb into their hammocks to catch a few hours sleep. Unfortunately, the pigs never seemed to rest. Fabian made a

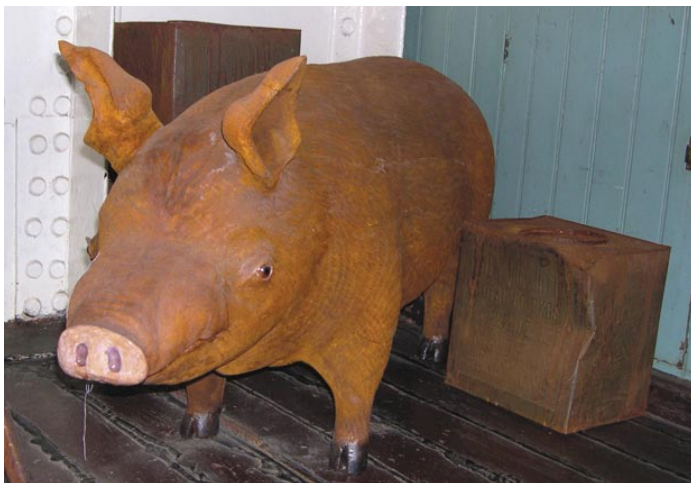
game of rooting around in the blankets trying to uncover a sailor's feet. Imagine waking up to a pig licking your toes!

Auguste had his own technique. He would crawl under an occupied hammock and then suddenly stand up, catapulting the sailor out of his bed and onto the floor!

The pigs favorite snack was the coal used to heat the galley (the ship's kitchen) stove. The pigs would hide in wait for the sailor with the coal bucket. As the man neared the galley, the pigs would charge him in hopes of knocking a chunk of coal onto the deck. If they were successful, they'd happily toss the coal around with their snouts until it broke into bite-sized pieces. What a feast!

Were the pigs good sailors? Well they certainly provided plenty of entertainment for the crew of the *Moshulu* but it does seem they never did any work!

Adapted from stories in Eric Newby's book, *The Last Grain*



When you visit our ship *Balclutha*, find the animal pen on the main deck. The pig pictured above escaped from the pen and is hiding on the ship. Try and find the pig.

The sailing ship **Balclutha** is moored at Hyde Street Pier. Does she have as many masts as **Moshulu** did?

Find a picture of **Balclutha** on this website to answer the question.

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