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After all passengers disembark, the Captain is given an “all clear” signal from the Dock Skipper.

The Captain activates an intercom and speaks to a crowd waiting to board at the TTC dock as the Dock Skipper opens the gate and motions the crowd aboard.

CAPTAIN

Permission granted to come aboard. Step lively folks.

When the Captain is ready for departure, he announces over the intercom:

CAPTAIN

Clear all moorings. Make ready to sail.

The Dock Skipper closes the gate and raises the docking platform. He proceeds to the forward-facing conn tower to exchange command.

DOCK SKIPPER

We are clear of all moorings.

CAPTAIN

Aye, aye. You have the conn.

The Dock Skipper now becomes the Captain.

CAPTAIN

All ahead full.

Moments after the ferryboat leaves dock, a pre-recorded voice is heard over the intercom. It is the voice of an old, Irish seaman.

FIRST MATE

Aye, this be the Captain’s First Mate. Makin’ a voyage across the seven seas lagoon are ya? Well I hope ya be lookin’ for adventure ‘cause there’s plenty of it along these

waters. But I'm gonna warn ya, spend too much time out at sea and you'll start to see things – mermaids, magic, maybe even a talkin' mouse. Don't believe me now? Oh, have I a whale of a tale to tell you lads.

Now lend me your ears and cast your eyes astern. That's toward the rear of the boat for all you land-lovers. Next to our ferryboat dock lies a Polynesian village – the perfect place to get some shore-leave and a much needed forty winks. Set foot on those shores and a tropical paradise awaits. Ah yes, the gentle breeze ticklin' your barnacled toes and feasts that'll stuff your bellies for a week. Ya may even swap stories with king Kamehameha himself.

The First Mate lets out a hearty laugh.

#### FIRST MATE

Off the portside...Left, left side, ya can see the turrets of a Victorian beach resort – The Grand Floridian they call her. I took a girl there for high tea one day. There I stood, hobnobbin' with the upper crust, baskin' in good ol' Florida sunshine and hospitality.

(whispers)

Of course, that was also the day I found out me girl was really the Admiral's wife. Well blow me down if I drop anchor on those shores again.

The First Mate clears his throat.

#### FIRST MATE

(normal voice)

Now take a gander off to the right side of me boat. Ya see that A-frame structure in the distance? She's known as the Contemporary Resort. Keep a sharp eye and you'll see her swallow up a Monorail Train like Monstro the whale.

Beyond the Contemporary, lies Bay Lake and River Country, where ya can take a dip in an ol' fashioned swimmin' hole. There's also Discovery Island, Fort Wilderness Campground, and Wilderness Lodge, nestled deep amongst the pine trees.

There'll be plenty of other Captains settin' sail for Bay Lake throughout the day. They'll offer ya an excursion if ya just say the word.

But I suppose ya be wanting to know 'bout the Magic Kingdom we're steerin' toward. That Castle's a gateway to another time, another place – where anything can happen. And it probably will too, I guarantee ya.

If ya be getting' on in years, rest assured that a step on those shores'll have your heart beatin' steadfast once more. You'll be refreshed right down to the bone ya will. And for the children, keep a watchful eye, open your ears and your minds and you'll be filled with enough inspiration to guide ya all your days.

Well, I best be getting' below deck to prepare for dockin'. Me boat'll be waitin' for ya when your day is done. Then we'll swap tall tales and such.

As the Ferryboat approaches the Magic Kingdom dock, the Captain speaks over the intercom.

CAPTAIN

Attention passengers, this is the Captain speaking. For those of you on the stairways, please descend to the lower decks. Everyone else, please remain where you are, keeping away from the stairs until you hear an all clear to go ashore.

We do have a tendency to bounce around while docking so once again, please leave the stairways at this time. You will hear an all clear when it is safe to disembark. Thank you.

When the ferryboat has successfully docked:

CAPTAIN

Secure all moorings.

The Dock Skipper lowers the docking platform.

CAPTAIN

Permission granted to go ashore. All ashore, going ashore.

After the boat has been emptied, the Captain and Dock Skipper repeat the loading and change of command procedures and spiels as described on page 1.

For the return trip to the TTC dock, a return spiel is used only after sunset (presently, no return spiel is given).

FIRST MATE

Ahoy lads. Welcome aboard. A, ya seem a wee bit tired from your journey.

The First Mate laughs.

FIRST MATE

Perhaps a little glum too. Don't want to leave do ya? I can sympathize with that. But I got the just the fix I do. Me boys'll play a little seaman's jig for your enjoyment. All right mates...On a one, and a two, and a one, tow, three...

A song from *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* is heard.

*Chorus-*

*Got a whale of a tale to tell you lads, a whale of a tale or two  
'bout the flappin' fish and the girls I've loved  
on nights like this with the moon above.  
A whale of a tale and it's all true, I swear by my tattoo.*

*There was mermaid Minnie.  
Met her down in Madagascar.  
She would kiss me  
Anytime that I would ask her.  
Then one evening, her flame of love blew out.  
Blow me down and pick me up, she swapped me for a trout.*

*Chorus*

*There was Tessie.  
Met her on the coast of Java.  
When we kissed I  
Bubbled up like molten lava.  
Then she gave me the scare of my young life.  
Blow me down and pick me up, she was the Captain's wife.*

*Chorus*

*Then there was Harpoon Hanna.  
Had a look that spelled out danger.  
My heart quivered  
When she whispered, I'm there stranger.  
Bought her trinkets that sailors can't afford.  
And when I spent my last red cent, she tossed me overboard.*

*Chorus*

The song ends and the First Mate returns to the intercom, laughing and out of breath.

FIRST MATE

As me Uncle Walt used to say, this magical place'll always  
be changin', forever a showplace of beauty and wonder.  
And whether you come back to see us time and again or  
this be your last voyage to the Magic Kingdom, ya have but  
to think of this place and all its wonder'll be a source of  
happiness and inspiration wherever ya call home.

After a pause, the Captain gives the docking safety spiel and we loop back to start.