

# The Ringing of the Bell All Through the Night Watches

The tolling of the ship's bell, a welcomed addition to any harbor's ambiance and general melancholy, soulful appeal, is the night watch's responsibility, and it shall be carried out each half hour beginning at 10:00 PM and continuing until reveille. Notice, that the hours are noted by an even number of tolls, while the half-hours are noted by an odd number of tolls. Even numbered tolls are accomplished in pairs, and the last toll, if at the half-hour, is separate. If you have any questions about the execution of this august responsibility, do not hesitate to consult with the senior crew member present (preferably, before "lights out.")

## First Watch

10:00 PM	ring-ring . . . ring-ring
10:30 PM	ring-ring . . . ring-ring . . . ring
11:00 PM	ring-ring . . . ring-ring . . . ring-ring
11:30 PM	ring-ring . . . ring-ring . . . ring-ring . . . ring
12:00 AM	ring-ring . . . ring-ring . . . ring-ring . . . ring-ring
12:30 AM	ring

## Middle Watch

1:00 AM	ring-ring
1:30 AM	ring-ring . . . ring
2:00 AM	ring-ring . . . ring-ring
2:30 AM	ring-ring . . . ring-ring . . . ring
3:00 AM	ring-ring . . . ring-ring . . . ring-ring
3:30 AM	ring-ring . . . ring-ring . . . ring-ring . . . ring
4:00 AM	ring-ring . . . ring-ring . . . ring-ring . . . ring-ring
4:30 AM	ring

## Morning Watch

5:00 AM	ring-ring
5:30 AM	ring-ring . . . ring
6:00 AM	ring-ring . . . ring-ring
6:30 AM	ring-ring . . . ring-ring . . . ring
7:00 AM	ring-ring . . . ring-ring . . . ring-ring