

BENDING THE OCEAN BLUES

Little Eddie is playing in the bathtub with bubbles and ships all around
Mother exclaims from the kitchen... "Wash behind those ears and hurry
up too!"

"But Mama, I got ships to sink and pirates and subs are everywhere to be
found"

Mother says... "Just like your Father and the ships and bending the
ocean blues"

It is rest period at the swimming pool and the whistle bellows its' hourly
chime

"All hands on deck" screams the lifeguard and Ed waits for the next
command

At that moment Ed is in the pool and the lifeguard screams "Get that kid
out this time"

Ed yells... "But I had hostile forces on the ocean floor and I had to
protect the land"

It is now the 70's... college days and the rhythm of the music is just too
sweet

A cosmic collage of folk, blues and jazz evolve in the air for all to hear
Ed is hangin and jammin with his buddy's; but the lure of the sea is
really for keeps

Ed soon takes on the world at sea, plumbing Neptune's depth and the
Navy stands and cheers

Command Edward Barfield on the USS Comstock takes the helm and
sets sail to race

In the Navy blood is thicker than water... and of course water is the life
blood of the sail

You see, the goal is to bend the ocean blue on all points of the compass
face

A safe return 18 months later and we celebrate with Ed this achievement
and a remarkable tale