

HAMILTON Celebrates the New Year... Underway!



So there we were... middle of the Eastern Pacific on New Years Eve. Everyone knew it was the last day of December, but with a cool breeze, blue skies, bright shining sun and a comforting 75 degree air temperature, it was hard to imagine there were people already lining the streets of New York City awaiting the annual Ball Drop in Times Square. Throughout the day, many watched the football games, some emailed home, while others prepared for the evening's events. This consisted of putting together plastic champagne cups and blowing up upwards of 100 balloons. On the nights agenda: a Sunday Night Tradition: BINGO!!!! followed by watching the Ball Drop in Times Square (even though we were still on Pacific Time... out in the ocean, 9 O'clock feels as close to midnight as....well, midnight). BINGO... always a success, brought in a good amount of crew with a great amount of winners and prizes. When it came time to put the BINGO cards away as the time drew near, the party favors were brought out... confetti, balloons, plastic champagne glasses (filled with bubbly.... Sprite that is), and a TV broadcast of Times Square which came in every time our ship got a good line on the satellite... (every 20 minutes or so) OK, OK, so we didn't actually see the ball drop, as we lost connectivity during that time, but we counted down and we celebrated! And while, there was no denying it, everyone wished to be home with their families or out partying for New Years Eve, that didn't stop us from ringing in the New Year with style... life preservers and all!