

If you want to join a merchant ship  
Lime Juice Ship

If you want to join a merchant ship and sail the sea at large  
Youll not have any trouble if you have a good discharge  
Signed by the Board of Trade with everything exact  
And then youll get your months advance according to the Act.

Chorus:

So haul boys your weather mainbrace and ease away your lee  
Hoist jib and topsails lads and let the ship go free  
Shout boys shout I tell you it's a fact  
Theres nothing done in Lime Juice ship contrary to the Act.

2. Now when you join the ship me boys youll here your Articles read  
Theyll tell you of your pork and beef your butter and your bread  
Your coffee, tea and sugar boys your peas and beans exact  
Your lime juice and your vinegar according to the Act.

Chorus:

3. Now its watch and watch the first day out according to the Act  
And then me boys we all lay aft to get our lime juice whack  
Break out a Handy-Billy and slap her on a tack  
For were going to set the mainsail-o according to the Act.

Chorus:

4. Now its up on deck me bully boys with many a curse we go  
Wishing that eight bells be struck, that we may go below  
Eight bells is stuck, the watch is aft, the log is hove exact  
Relieve the wheel go down below according to the Act.

Chorus: