

# Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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## The Skipper of the Stars and Stripes

The Skipper of the Stars and Stripes  
(Paul Kamen)

I am the skipper of the Stars and Stripes

And a right good skipper, too.

My starts are very good,

And be it understood

I command a right good crew.

His starts are very good,

and be it understood

He commands a right good crew.

I'm never known to fail

When defending yachting's grail,

And I never never break my cover.

What never?

No never!

What never?

Well - hardly ever!

He hardly ever breaks his cover!

So give three hours of media hype

To the fearless skipper of the Stars and Stripes.

Give three hours of media hype

To the skipper of the Stars and Stripes!

I am the skipper of the Stars and Stripes,

And a right good skipper, too.

I'll call the ladies queer

When the press is standing near,

Though we know it isn't true.

He'll call the ladies queer

When the press is standing near,

Though he knows it isn't true.

I'm never on the take

When there's sponsorship at stake,

And I never lose selection trials.

What never?

No never!

What never?

Well, hardly ever!

He hardly ever loses trials!

So give three weeks of media hype

To the fearless skipper of the Stars and Stripes.

Give three weeks of media hype

To the skipper of the Stars and Stripes!

I am the skipper of the Stars and Stripes,

And a right good skipper, too.

The Kiwis fell like that <snap fingers>

When I sailed a faster cat,

(I can read the Dead of Gift, too)

The Kiwis fell like that

When he sailed a faster cat,

(He can read the Dead of Gift, too)

When you've got the best machine

You can win and it looks clean.

And I'll never ever lose that cup!

What never?

No never!

What never?

Well, hardly ever!

He'll hardly ever lose that cup!

So give three months of media hype

To the fearless skipper of the Stars and Stripes.

Give three months of media hype

To the skipper of the Stars and Stripes!

I am the skipper of the Stars and Stripes,

And a right good skipper, too.

We went out in a full gale,

Stayed afloat (but couldn't sail)

When the wind hit twenty-two.

We went out in a full gale,

Stayed afloat but couldn't sail

When the wind hit twenty-two.

I am the best there is

In the A-Cup sailing biz,

And I'll never drink New Zealand beer.

What never?

No never!

What never?

Well, hardly ever!

He'll hardly ever drink that beer!

So give three years of media hype

To the fearless skipper of the Stars and Stripes.

Give three years of media hyyyyyyyyyyype

To the skipper of the Stars and Stripes!

(to the tune of "I am the Captain of the Pinafore")

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