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that it was worse than what I heard. You may or may not remember but I worked in Admin and was generally considered the XO's yeoman. YN1 Elizabeth Strother was the Captain's (O'Shea's) yeoman and if what I heard was true, she was his yeoman in more than one way.

I knew DJ and he came across to me as a pleasant old Navy skipper on his way to retirement. He was on some days, that guy that loved his enlisted ranks and showed it. Some days, he could be a total jerk. He was a wee bit moody. I think from what I witnessed casually on the bridge or on an occasion or two, socially, he had a way of getting close to his female officers that would be considered inappropriate albeit consensual from what I understood. The ship was odd indeed in the sense that discipline was a little loose to say the least. Being that we were one of the first ships to integrate men with women, I was privvy to numerous sexual encounters and drug use, often deep in the bowels of the ship, aft in the near shaft alley.