

# Talkin' Like A Pirate Arrr Ye?

Ahoy, Matey! Git yer Pirate-Speak ship-shape with these fine sea-farin' phrases!

# A FEW 'PIRATEY' GUIDELINES:

- **1. Ye best livin'-up the festivities smartly!** *Meaning:* Use your pirate lingo to describe mundane events or activities in a spirited 'piratey' manner.
- 2. Use yer pirate-speak midst havenous pirate matters! *Meaning*: Make certain all circumstances are appropriate when speaking 'pirate' -- a saucy wench' may not be the most appropriate way to address your boss.
- 3. Revel in yer sweet-trade merriment, matey! Meaning: Have fun with your pirate-speak!

Avast ye, what be yer sort? Choose what type of pirate you are.

- ROGUE

  A bit of a devilish sort
- MAIDEN

  Gentle, tender, somewhat helpless
- MILQUETOAST

  A meek and timid sort
- WENCH
  A saucy, fun, independent lass
- BANGSTER
  Lawless and wild
- VIRAGO
  Strong, outspoken, natural leader

**What be yer best fittin' 'piratey' name?** *Usually a colorful combination of unique descriptive adjective(s) or noun(s) followed by a given name. Some examples:* 

■ Barnacle Bob ■ Southwind Sue ■ Big One-Eyed Bart ■ Harsh Lip Mary ■ Spry Todd ■ Wily Winona
Make your pirate name known by all with this handy pirate identity card:



Ahoy! Me Piratey Name be:

(Hello! My name is:)

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# PIRATE GLOSSARRRY

#### **CURRENCY**:

Blunt - slang for money or coin

Cob or Cob Dollars - gold doubloons

Doubloon - Spanish or Aztec Gold

Pieces of Eight - Silver Spanish coin

Tin - slang for money or coin

## FOODS:

Bunny Grub - vegetables

Burgoo – a vile mash of boiled oatmeal with salt, sugar and butter

Cackle-Fruit - eggs

**Dogsbody** – sea biscuit soaked in water and sugar

Grog - Rum diluted w/ water

Grub - Food

Hardtack - a hard flour & water biscuit

Loblolly - Porridge or gruel

Poor John – salted and dried fish

Rum – a preferred drink of pirates

Salmagundi – a particularly spicy soup

Spirits – hearty beverages

Tooth Rot - sugar

#### FRIENDS:

Bucko / Mate / Matey / Me Hearties

#### **INSULTS:**

Addled - crazy

Bilge Rat

Bilge-sucking – an uncomplimentary adjective

Dog

Land-lubber – land-lover

Lubber – a clumsy man

Poxy, poxed – to be diseased

Scurvy Dog

Shark Bait - lazy

Swab - disrespectful term for a seaman

#### TREASURE:

Booty / Loot / Swag

Wracking trade – diving for sunken treasure

#### **EXPRESSIONS:**

"Batten down the hatches" – we're expecting adverse conditions!

"Bum-squabbled" – to be baffled confused or puzzled

"By and large" - for the most part

"Cracking a bottle" - 'Let's open a bottle of wine or rum'

"Dead as bilge water" - rotting dead

"Devil to pay" – seeing no clear way out of a situation

"Eye of the wind" – the direction in which the wind is coming from

"Feeling blue" – a ship without a captain flew a blue flag when returning to port

"Gone by the board" – anything lost over the side of a ship

"Harp up in a clinch and no knife to cut the seizing's" – in a difficult situation

"I have the collywobbles" - to be afraid

"I'll see you measured for chains" -- a particularly nasty threat feared by pirates

"In due course" – something will happen when it should happen

"Keep a weather eye open" – keep an eye on where the trouble might come from

"Rattle the bones" – to shake the dice or gambling with cards & dice

"Shake a cloth in the wind" – to be slightly tipsy or drunk

"Shiver me timbers" – to be very surprised

"Sink Me!" – to be very surprised

"Splice the mainbrace" – to have several drinks

"Stay the Course" – a nautical term to not vary from the intended destination

"Sweet Trade" – a pirate's profession

"Tell it to the parrot" – to tell everyone, spreading gossip

"Three Sheets To The Wind" - to be drunk

"Yo Ho Ho!" – a very piratey thing to say on any occasion

## **EXCLAMATIONS:**

Blimey - to be surprised

Buoyed up - to be uplifted

Clear the deck - prepare for battle

Land Ahoy - to see land

Me thinks - I believe

Sink me – to be surprised

Aye or Aye, aye, sir! ... or, Arr - yes

# **PUNISHMENTS:**

Bite the Bullet – to stop the screaming from any punishment

Clap in irons – confined to iron manacles

Davy Jones' Locker – a watery grave

**Feed the Fish** – being thrown into the sea dead or alive

Flogging – a short whip with a cat-o'-nine-tails attached at the end.

Gallows Dance – the dangling feet of a hanged man

Keelhaul – tying wrists & ankles, tossing overboard then dragging under

the keel of the ship

Kiss the Gunner's Daughter – to be bent over a ship's guns and flogged

Kiss the Wooden Lady –to be tied up w/ arms 'round the mast.

**Maroon** – abandoning an offender on a remote island

Rope's End – referencing a hanging – to meet the rope's end

Sweating – being forced to run around the ship until you dropped while crew utilized various sharp objects 'encouraging' you to continue

Walking the Plank – to walk until you drop off the plank



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