

MEMORANDUM

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To: Black Pat

RE: Informative report on pirates

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Here be the report on Pirates ye requested, Cap'n. If ye have any questions, ask me parrot. Yarr.

Pirates

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Introduction

Pirates is an organization both revered and feared by the general public. However, little real information has made its way into the collective consciousness. This report uses some information from the Pirates entry of Encyclopaedia Dramatica (<http://www.encyclopediadramatica.com>), Uncyclopedia (<http://uncyclopedia.org>), Google (<http://www.google.com>), and the official Pirate website, The Pirate Bay (<http://www.thepiratebay.com>).

History

The original Pirates was a bowling club started by an Englishman, Sir Charles the Black in 1668. The first modern pirate, however appeared almost 20 years later, in 1685. Jack Pirate, a member of Black's original group, decided that bowling was dumb and he'd rather be killing people instead. Unfortunately for Black, many other members agreed; the ousted Black died in exile two years later. Pirates has grown considerably since then, but the underlying structure changed little.

Organization

Today, Pirates is a loosely organized international organization. It is divided into hundreds of small, semi-autonomous chapters called 'ships.' The original purpose of this division was purely logistical, and has since been made obsolete by the invention of the telephone and internet. The structure is preserved only out of a sense of tradition; however, in some internal circles, there is talk of reunification.

Though the overall structure of Pirates is highly fragmented, each ship is a cohesive unit. This is a result of a high expectation of all members to perform their assigned duties, and the harsh punishments for those who fail: those deemed disruptive or underperforming are often made to 'walk the plank' (give up membership privileges).

Each ship has up to two hundred members (called 'crew') and is led by a single 'captain,' and several 'mates,' selected by the captain. The captain himself is elected by the crew, and holds his position until the crew decides to elect a new one (called a 'mutiny'). The ex-captain and his mates are usually 'hanged,' a term referring to being hanged.

Each ship is usually owns or controls an office building or some sort of floating thing on the water, where daily meetings are held. Attendance is not required of any of the crew, but is mandatory for mates.

There is a bi-annual meeting of the captains of every Pirates ship. The meeting is strictly behind-closed-doors, and the subject of discussion is unknown by non-attendees.

Goals

The primary goal of any Pirates ship is to procure 'booty,' (the professional term for valuables, such as gold, gems, and narcotics) and 'wenches,' (the professional term for bitches). It is up to the captain of each individual ship to decide the best way for his ship to obtain booty and wenches. Typically, the captain opts for 'looting' and 'pillaging,' Pirate terms for organizing various fundraising events (such as bake sales and bachelor auctions) and robbing the shit out of people, respectively.

Methods

In addition to looting and pillaging, many Pirates ships and crews also engage in 'rape,' 'ransoming,' and 'murder.' Each of these terms has a highly specialized meaning to Pirates. For example, rape is any one of several methods guaranteed to produce a wench (including kidnapping, rape, and rape) while murder often takes the form of a strongly-worded letter followed up by a stabbing in the night. Up to two hundred people are murdered each year by Pirates. This number may seem gruesomely high. However, dolphins kill seven thousand people *every second*. By comparison, Pirates is completely benign. In fact, Pirates has an incredibly positive effect on both the society and the planet.

Effects

The creation of a Pirates ship in a community immediately boosts the local economy. Investor and consumer confidence doubles across the board within two years, and certain markets (such as small arms and personal security) see growth of over 20,000% in the first eight months.

Wenches, a natural byproduct of any Pirate activity, have recently been shown to cure certain types of lymphoma in rats. The FDA is expected to approve small-scale human trials by 2008.

Additionally, there is a strong inverse correlation between Pirates membership and average global temperature. In an attempt to reverse ongoing effects of global warming, many climatologists have recently joined Pirates. It remains to be seen whether this alone will be enough.

Membership

Pirates accepts any members that are able to perform their assigned duties (such as rape and looting). Membership is not restricted by age, gender, race, religion, or economic background. Because every crewman directly contributes to the welfare of the ship, dues are not collected. However, should a crewman stop contributing, he risks having to walk the plank.

To join one's local Pirates ship, one must only be present at a Pirates meeting. No non-members that attend are allowed to leave without joining. In the rare event that there are no local Pirates ships, it is possible to form an unofficial one, but in order to be officially recognized as a ship, the captain must attend the bi-annual captain's meeting. If he returns, the ship is recognized as a legitimate Pirate ship.

Conclusion

At its height in the 1800s, Pirates had a worldwide membership of over one million. Today, the number is slightly over ten thousand. Recent legislation, such as the DMCA, has made it difficult for Pirates ships to receive non-profit tax status, leading to the dissolution of many smaller ships. At this point, the organization's future is uncertain.

This is far from a complete descriptions of Pirates; more information can be found at Encyclopaedia Dramatica, Uncylopedia, The Pirate Bay, or Google. The Wikipedia entry on Pirates, however, is stupid bullshit and should be avoided.