



## **INTERNATIONAL TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY SEPTEMBER 19TH**

**What is International Talk Like a Pirate Day** – Per Wikipedia International Talk Like a Pirate Day (ITLAPD) is a parodic holiday created in 1996 by John Baur (Ol' Chumbucket) and Mark Summers (Cap'n Slappy), of Albany, Oregon, U.S., who proclaimed September 19<sup>th</sup> of each year as the day when everyone in the world should talk like a pirate. For example, an observer of this holiday would greet friends not with "Hello," but with "Ahoy, matey!" The holiday, and its observance, springs from a romanticized view of the Golden Age of Piracy.

**Ojai, CA Talk Like a Pirate Festival Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Festival Website: <http://www.goldcoastfestivals.com/OjaiPirate.html>

**Pirate Songs (Website to Purchase Sea Shanties and  
Pirate songs)**

[http://www.maritimeheritage.net/music/pirate\\_as](http://www.maritimeheritage.net/music/pirate_as)



### **PIRATE SONGS**

**1. "Yo Ho A Pirate's Life For Me" excerpt:**

*We pillage, we plunder, we rifle and loot./Drink up me 'earties, Yo Ho!/  
We kidnap and ravage and don't give a hoot./Drink up me 'earties, Yo Ho!*

*Yo Ho, Yo Ho! A pirate's life for me.*

*We extort, we pilfer, we filch and sack./Drink up me 'earties, Yo Ho!/  
Maraud and embezzle and even hijack./ Drink up me 'earties, Yo Ho!...*

**2. "Fifteen Men On A Dead Man's Chest" excerpt:**

*Fifteen men on a dead man's chest/Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum/Drink and the  
devil had done for the rest/Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum./The mate was fixed by  
the bosun's pike/The bosun brained with a marlinspike/And cookey's throat was  
marked belike/It had been gripped by fingers ten;/And there they lay, all good  
dead men/Like break o'day in a boozing ken/Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum...*



## **HOW TO SPEAK LIKE A PIRATE**

**Website:** <http://www.yarr.org.uk/talk/>

### ***How To Be Speakin' Pirate-Like***

#### ***Startin' Rules***

Double up on all your adjectives and you'll be bountifully bombastic with your phrasing. Pirates never speak of "a big ship", they call it a "great, grand ship!" They never say never, they say "No nay ne'er!"

Dropping all of your "v"s will get you words like "ne'er", "e'er" and "o'er".

Instead of saying "I am", sailors say, "I be". Instead of saying "You are", sailors say, "You be". Instead of saying, "They are", sailors say, "They be". Ne'er speak in anythin' but the present tense!

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#### ***Hints an' Tips***

If it be helpin', start yer sentence wi' a "Arr, me hearty," in a deep, throaty voice — ye'll find that the rest be comin' much easier.

#### ***Vocabulary***

In which ye'll find words submitted by many pirates o'er the years, an' which comprise a loose piratical dictionary.

- **Ahoy:** Hey!
- **Avast:** Stop!
- **Aye:** Yes
- **Black spot:** to be 'placin' the black spot' be markin' someone for death.
- **Booty:** treasure
- **Buccaneer:** a pirate who be answerin' to no man or blasted government.
- **By the Powers!:** an exclamation, uttered by Long John Silver in Treasure Island!
- **Cat o' nine tails:** whip for floggin' mutineers
- **Corsair:** a pirate who be makin' his berth in the Med-...Medi-...that sea 'tween Spain and Africa, aye!
- **Davy Jones' Locker:** the bottom o' the sea, where the souls of dead men lie
- **Doubloons:** pieces of gold...
- **Fiddlers Green:** the private heaven where pirates be goin' when they die.
- **Furner:** a ship which be yer own, not one ye steal an' plunder.
- **Gentlemen o' fortune:** a slightly more positive term fer pirates!

## *How To Be Speakin' Pirate-Like Continued*

### ***Vocabulary Continued***

- **Go on the account:** to embark on a piratical cruise
- **Grog:** A pirate's favorite drink.
- **Jack:** a flag or a sailor
- **Jolly Roger:** the skull and crossbones, the pirate flag!
- **Keelhaul:** a truly vicious punishment where a scurvy dog be tied to a rope and dragged along the barnacle-encrusted bottom of a ship. They not be survivin' this.
- **Landlubber:** "Land-lover," someone not used to life onboard a ship.
- **Lass:** A woman.
- **Lily-livered:** faint o' heart
- **Loaded to the Gunwales (pron. gunnels):** drunk
- **Matey:** A shipmate or a friend.
- **Me hearty:** a friend or shipmate.
- **Me:** My.
- **Pieces o' eight:** pieces o' silver which can be cut into eights to be givin' small change.
- **Privateer:** a pirate officially sanctioned by a national power
- **Scallywag:** A bad person. A scoundrel.
- **Scurvy dog!:** a fine insult!
- **Shiver me timbers!:** an exclamation of surprise, to be shouted most loud.
- **Son of a Biscuit Eater:** a derogatory term indicating a bastard son of a sailor
- **Sprogs:** raw, untrained recruits
- **Squadron:** a group of ten or less warships
- **Squiffy:** a buffoon
- **Swaggy:** a scurvy cur's ship what ye be intendin' to loot!
- **Swashbucklin':** fightin' and carousin' on the high seas!
- **Sweet trade:** the career of piracy
- **Thar:** The opposite of "here."
- **Walk the plank:** this one be bloody obvious.
- **Wench:** a lady, although ye gents not be wantin' to use this around a lady who be stronger than ye.
- **Wi' a wannion:** wi' a curse, or wi' a vengeance. Boldly, loudly!
- **Yo-ho-ho:** Pirate laughter

## **FAMOUS PIRATES:**

- **Anne Bonny** - Bonny was a strong, independent women, who became a respected pirate in a predominantly male society.
- **Bartholomew Roberts** - He was the last great pirate of the golden age who plundered more than 400 ships. His boldness and abilities made him one of the most successful pirates.
- **Benjamin Hornigold** - A man who was a privateer, pirate and pirate hunter during his career. He is also well-known because his apprentice and partner was Blackbeard.
- **Blackbeard** - These are facts about the notorious captain and certainly most famous pirate of all time. His deeds, behavior and a terrifying image made him a perfect villain, who harassed many ships in Caribbean.
- **Blackbeard** - The Last Stand - Events that occurred during the last day of Blackbeard's life. These are some facts about one of the biggest sea battles in Caribbean history.
- **Calico Rackham Jack** - A typical small-time pirate, whose fame comes from the fact that two of the most famous woman pirates, Anne Bonny and Mary Read sailed under his flag.
- **Charles Vane** - A very skillful pirate who was brave enough to stand against the mighty governor, Woodes Rogers. However, a couple of unfortunate events ended his career sooner than he expected.
- **Cheung Po Tsai** - An infamous pirate, mostly known because of a legend about his hidden treasure in Cheung Po Tsai Cave in Cheung Chau Island.
- **Edward England** - This Irishman was a successful pirate, who captured many ships. However, his kindness and not-so-pirate attitude prevented him to become even greater.
- **Henry Every** - Every was one of the rare pirates who chose to retire from piracy, and lived rest of his life as rich man.
- **Howell Davis** - The intelligent pirate, who often used trickery instead of relying only on arms and firepower.
- **Mary Read** - This unfortunate girl spent most part of her life pretending to be a man. She was treated as woman only on one occasion.
- **Paulsgrave Williams** - Paulsgrave Williams became a pirate at a very old age. Many people think that he was just looking for some excitement.
- **Samuel Bellamy** - Known facts about Samuel Bellamy's pirate career and his famous love story, which inspired many writers.
- **Stede Bonnet** - Stede Bonnet was a former major and wealthy man who suddenly turned to piracy. He became famous despite the fact that he was inexperienced and incompetent pirate.
- **Thomas Tew** - "specially wicked and ill-disposed pirate"
- **William Kidd** - Captain Kidd was a successful privateer who became pirate thanks to a couple of unfortunate events. The stories about his buried treasure made him even more popular.
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- **BUCCANEERS:**

- **Christopher Myngs** - Myngs was a Royal Navy sailor, who helped England to defend Jamaica from the Spaniards. He had a big influence on many successful buccaneers.
- **Francois L'Ollonais** - The Frenchman was the cruelest buccaneer that ever lived. With his fleet, he managed to conquer several big Spanish towns.
- **Henry Morgan** - Morgan was certainly the most famous buccaneer, a great leader and a hero of England. A man who was so brave and successful that even his enemies praised him.

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- **PRIVATEERS:**

- **Sir Francis Drake** - One of the most notable sailors and naval commanders of the sixteenth century.
- **Jean Laffite** - Famous American hero, privateer, merchant, smuggler, slave trader...
- **Woodes Rogers** - The English privateer who later became the governor of the Bahamas. He took a big part in suppressing piracy from the Caribbean.

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From website: <http://www.thewayofthepirates.com/famous-pirates-list.php>

