



# PYRATE NEWS



*The 19<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year Two Thousand and Six*

*Pirates on Board: 60 and counting*

## BOAT PARADE SATURDAY, 24 JUNE

### Riverfest 2006 Update

We are so close. I met with the musicians today while Slimshady finished the posters and dealt with that “sneaky-treasure-person”. The advertising signs are almost finished. We finally have a person to walk the plank after much persuasion, I might add. Pirates, please remember, if you don’t want to fight the traffic after the fireworks, trickle on over to the River House. You’re welcomed to watch the fireworks from there. We’ll have refreshments and try to forget all the hard work it took to have so much fun.

**Riverfest Countdown:** **19 June**, Parade Vehicle Preparation, Milton Warehouse at Elva and MLK Streets all day. **21 June**, Cartop Day. We are removing top from a Ford Festiva and performing numerous modifications for parade. Action happened at 12:00 Noon, 6C Hancock Lane is West Pensacola (393-3144 for directions). **22 June**, The LAST Pirate Attack Reherdsal @ 5:00PM, Riverwalk, then we all go to Evening at Seville @ 7:00PM. **23 June**, Last Riverfest Meeting. If you are still in need of something, be there. **24 June**, BOAT PARADE (See BOAT PARADE). **June 27**, First of Treasure Clues begin. Look for Treasure contents in newspaper and on radio. **June 30**, I will be mowing and weed-whacking the donated Riverwalk South property, helpers welcomed. We will be watching the horizon, expect Peg Leg and Pieces of Eight to be arriving from the east with the sun in our eyes. **July 2**, Riverwalk is open in the afternoon to major setups (Bones can be found at 5154 Willing Street, 393-3144) **July 3**, SETUP DAY all day. If the pirates need a last practice, this would be a good time. **July 4**, HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

**YOUR PIRATE UNIFORM:** Leanne Boswell makes uniforms and specializes in civil war clothing. If you are interested in talking to her about your pirate uniform she can be contacted at 791-7096. Now is the time to order. If you order late you will be a pirate with a great coat and no pants. If this happens we will have to find a special place for you in the festivities.



### NEXT & LAST RIVERFEST MEETING

Our last meeting will be **23 June at 3:00PM**. This will be your last chance to use your erasers.

**The last rehearsal for the pirate Attack will be Thursday 22 June, at 5:00PM. Please be there – we need to assign positions and do a final walkthrough. We need everyone on deck for this.** I can’t tell you guys what a great job you have done to pull this together. So far, everything has lined up nicely.

## THE LAST HALF OF 2006

It ain't over yet, folks. Riverfest marks half of the year gone and we can be proud of all the people who are working to make Mill Town a great place to live.

### **July**

We have had a very active 2006 with very successful festivals and now we are entering into the biggest Riverfest we have ever had. But it just does not end there.

### **August**

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, Main Street Milton will be presenting *Vince Vance and the Valiants* for a FREE concert in downtown Milton. Pinky now has a very well laid out plan and has put a lot of work into maximizing the space required to make our festival park a reality.

### **September**

Pinky hopes to have the Blackwater Grill and the Liberty Café opened.

Main Street Milton will be well into it's project to create a business incubator downtown. Contact Vernon at MSM to get more information on this (and join MSM while you are at it).

### **October**

October will be a very exciting month, highlighting John Rebel's famous Ghost Tour where it is rumored that dead pirates will be roaming the streets. This is just another excuse to wear those pirate uniforms.

Don't forget the Beaches to Woodlands Tour that was so successful last year. We want to be well represented in every event involving the revitalization of Mill Town.

### **November**

Veterans Day and the annual Depot Days. *Ye-Gads, and don't forget Pirates in Paradise!* (See PIRATES IN PARADISE)

### **December**

As we stumble into December, the real fun begins. We return from Key West (we hope) and join the "fun-est" adventure of December, *Christmas on the River*. Now that most of the storm damage is gone, we have the opportunity to bring *Christmas on Oak Street* back to the River and so goes the name change. Then we have three back-to-back parades; the Christmas Parade, the Christmas Boat Parade and the Chumuckla Redneck Christmas Parade. The City of Milton usually lights the Christmas tree this month and of course there is the Chumuckla Redneck Christmas Parade. Here are three excellent opportunities to break out your pirate uniform. This year the pirates will be in full force and hope to have a float.

Rumor has it that there will be a tour of homes and Bagdad hopes to have a Festival Day this month (keep checking the event calendar @ [blackwaterliving.com](http://blackwaterliving.com). St. Mary's is doing a rummage sale during this month. (Bones will get with Pastor John and get a read on this one).

NEW: Closer to Christmas, the Blackwater Pirates are going to organize (themselves first) a caroling group that will tie a piano to a wagon and put themselves ON the wagon for a tour of the city where they will make frequent stops at the homes of unsuspecting citizens and sing Christmas Carols. If your pirate suit does not have holes in it by now, wear it. This event is not sanctioned but we have Intel that says Police Chief Brand goes to bed at 7:00PM so our chances of pulling this off are good. All in all, December is going to be a great month.



*Dread Knot readies his vessel for yet another attack somewhere in Blackwater Bay.*

## CAPTAIN MORGAN SURVIVES CONFRONTATION WITH TUBE

I am pleased to report that Captain Morgan has survived his ordeal with a tube he encountered in a local bayou. His adventure left him with two broken ribs, but what the heck, he has plenty left. We're glad to hear that he is groaning less now and has forfeited his daughter to take his place while he is recovering. When a pirate can't pillage, it's time to quit

procrastinating and publish your plight by hiring paternal partners permanently to your pathetic poop deck platoon. (Bet you can't say that three times real fast).

## PEGLEG WON'T NEED AN EYE PATCH AFTER ALL

Our beloved Peg Leg has once again avoided an eye patch. After emergency laser surgery he has reported that he can see the sweat of a wench's....uh, yea, "forehead" at 500 paces. This was good news and the crew at pirate central raised our glasses in a toast of recovery. Of course, Wingnut spilled his all down the front of his shirt and we had to hang him by his feet off the stern at 6 knots to clean him up. I'm not so sure about the shirt but his teeth look great. Great to hear all is well with Peg Leg.

## *Pirates in Paradise* Key West, Florida

*"Yikes, yet another adventure and I haven't washed my knickers since the last one."*

This is it my pillaging mates. We are fast approaching "Pirates in Paradise". The official dates are November 25<sup>th</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time to apply for lodging. Do good Internet searches and make sure you avoid the dates of Fantasy Fest because all accommodations are more expensive on those days and Fantasy Fest is close to PIP. Car-pooling is recommended due to gas prices and a two-day trip is advised because of the distance. Keep in mind that you don't have to be in Key West proper because the other keys are just a jaunt away. **RETIRED MILITARY:** The Navy has accommodations in Key West proper. If you need more info on this contact Bones at mysticmotor1@aol (as if *he* knows something). The quickest route is I-10 to I-75, to the Florida Turnpike, to the US 1 cutoff above Miami. If you miss the cutoff, you will get an excellent tour of Miami and loose about 4 hours.

## CONCERT SEASON IN MILL TOWN

Good news, Bones is now on the Board of Main Street Mill Town and he also somehow ended up on the promotions committee, probably because he is so entertaining. It's that marina dance thing. We have almost closed the contract for the Vince Vance concert which will be FREE to the public. Vince is a retro show band that plays music from old to new and changes costumes while he is doing it. He has a lot of audience interaction, which makes it a fun night. Main Street Milton is looking for sponsors and donations. We have already received two donations totaling \$1500.00, but need more. We are only half way to the down payment. Large donations are welcomed, but ANY donation is embraced with incredible enthusiasm. Please donate today. This concert is one of the most incredible that you will see on the gulf coast. Vince's concerts usually bring \$20.00 a head but this is our way of saying thanks to all the people in Mill Town who are shaping the destiny of our city. To make a donation call Ann Burkett @ 393-0121.

## **A LOGO FOR PIRATES?**

(September 19th is International Talk like A Pirate Day)

Bones has finished the preliminary artwork for the Blackwater Pirate Logo. This logo will be aired once we get it back from the clean-up artist and approved by a panel of sixteen independent judges, who, by the way, have no clue what it represents. We expect to find these people sleeping behind the River Run Marina on a Sunday morning.

# **BOATS, LIGHTS, A STRAIGHT LINE, BUMPING INTO DOCKS AND GENERAL “NAVIGATION GONE BAD.”**

The boat parades are engrained in the memories of Mill Town residents and sleepy river campers alike now. To join us put lights on your boat, and join us at the train trestle at 7:45 PM. Sit back, pour you something refreshing, turn up the radio and put your boat in FORWARD IDLE (For Captain Morgan this means the pointy end of the boat headed North).

Lights Source:	Drug Stores, Big Lots
Inverter Source:	Wal-Mart (purchase 400 Watt +, 100 not enough.
Grog source:	Local Super Market
Flags & Banners Source:	Oriental Trading.com
Pirate Clothing Source:	Your local thrift shop or LeAnne Boswell (791-7096).
Pirate Crew Sign-up (for email):	Blackwaterliving.com

**PARADE ROUTE:** As the sun sets we will idle up river to turn into the cut across from Navy Docks (*Big boats* will go straight here and WE WILL wait for you at the north end of the channel), re-enter the river on the north end and go north to the Airport Road Houses where we will turn around and head south back to Russell Harbour Landing before turning to starboard, then north (avoiding the “Johnny Rebel” sandbar) into Watson Landing (River Run Marina). At this point we will **PASS THE MARINA (for visual effect)**, go up to Carpenter’s Park, turn around and come back to the dock at the Marina to enjoy the concert. We pass the marina for the visual effect and then we stop at the marina to get affected. Bring bug spray and something to drink, the biting bugs get brutal as the sun goes down. The spray helps keep them away and the drinks get in your blood stream and the bugs get dizzy and fall off when they bite you. **BOAT PARADES are a Saturday night event that will normally be preceded by an email, such as the one you are reading.**

## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

“Don’t trust a pirate with his sword in the front of his pants.”

## **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

“Yep, their naked”

(--Pirate Pup, after a brief visit to the *Garden of Eden Pub* in Key West.)

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

Congratulations to Pup the Pirate, his birthday came upon him with a vengeance sometime this week.

The following is general pirate stuff that we always include for the new pirates:

## **UNIFORMS AND JUS’ PLAIN GOOD LOOKIN’ PIRATES:**

All good pirates should have good uniforms even though our pillaging efforts have been less than on the mark lately, so here is some right smart fashion tips for pirates.

1. Start with SANDALS, CUT-OFF PANTS, A COTTONY OPEN SHIRT and a HEADBAND of some sort (All of these items are in stock at your local thrift store if you haven’t had time to pillage).

Let your hair grow a bit long in the back – a good mullet and an unshaved face makes a pirate a bit more threatening. Eye Patches are good unless you fall down a lot without one. Then watch other pirates as they attempt to out-dress you. Always stay one step ahead of them by finding more radical dress and adorn the jewelry you steal to show your success as a pillager. Soon you will look like a pirate that has trouble walking under the weight of your uniform. This makes perfect sense because more rum will also make you sway a bit, thus the captain will be unsure if yeez be nippin’ or just stealing a lot.

2. Once dressed, do not forget to swagger as you walk. This is the art of “walking like a pirate”. Strut a bit but, don’t go knockin’ down lamp posts and stuff.
3. Dancing like a pirate is a whole ‘nother mater. Bones will teach you this later when at the marina docks. Rumor has it that Cabana Boy Watson took a lesson but has signed up for “yet another” class. Pegleg still falls down a lot so we are sending him to summer school.
4. Pirate Speak: This is the art of speakin’ poorly in the queen’s English. Arrgh!, is a standard greeting that is good for everything from “Hello” to “what’s this water doing in the boat”. Words like Aye! Come in handy when you have no clue what someone is talking about – its one of those words that makes you look intelligent when actually, your education level went south with the rum.

## NAMING ONESELF WITH A PIRATE NAME

If you come on board and you don’t have a name we will take the liberty of assigning you one at any given time. Remember the words of *Pirate Stinky* who says; “Do it, do it NOW, for goodness sake, when they tell you to do it – DO IT NOW!!!!”

### DISCLAIMER



If you found this fine publication in print, you’re a might lucky buccaneer and may consider goin’ out to play the lottery today. If you are receiving this as email you could possibly be an official member of the Blackwater Pirate Crew (Or, you could just be a homeless person with a computer for all we know). As a Blackwater Pirate you will occasionally receive emails reminding you of all the great things going on in Mill Town. If you are reading someone else’s email and wish you were a Blackwater Pirate, go to [www.blackwaterliving.com](http://www.blackwaterliving.com) and sign up. If you are not reading someone else's email and got this by accident, feel fortunate. If you are sitting in front of your computer and this message mysteriously appears on the screen that’s pretty spooky – you might want to seek psychiatric help. This is probably the most exciting email you are going to receive today so read it carefully and don’t think about it for extended periods, it could make your head hurt. *This important information has been disseminated in an effort to keep you informed of things that are important in life. If you don’t see it that way, please turn away from this immediately because we are going to deny that we wrote it and it could cause brain damage in people who are already on the edge.*

### COULD IT BE TRUE THAT YOU DON’T WANT TO GET THIS EMAIL?

If you do not wish to receive this email simply hit reply and type in “Please remove this from my computer, I work for a living and have no time for nonsense, and furthermore I hate people who aren't stressed out like me!” In turn, we will be offended but we will keep it to ourselves – “ourselves being the citizens of Northwest Florida and portions of the southeastern United States”. If you found this on the street – TURN AWAY! And scream “I can’t imagine anyone doing this!” It’ll make you feel better and, of course, we’ll know you got our message...

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