

PIRATE BASICS

How to dress:

There are two ways to go on pirate dress; expensive and inexpensive. When figuring out how you want to dress look at it as to how you are going to participate. If you are only going to attack the city once a year, go cheap. If you are going to dress for Riverfest, the ghost Walk, attend a future Pirate Ball, sing Christmas carols in your pirate suit, wear it on "Talk-like-a-pirate-day", or make a quest appearance on Oprah, think about investing some money in your outfit.



Dress for pirates who attack on hot days (these are generally crewmembers).

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 shop if you haven't had time to pillage). Let your hair grow a bit long in the back – a good mullet makes a pirate a bit more threatening and forgetting to shave is a good thing. 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. Weapons are usually a sword and a pistol.
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 lampposts 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.

Dress for Captains, Officers and well-dressed pirates:

1. These pirate usually wear boots with fold-overs (\$150 to \$350), pants stuffed in boots, full length vest, long coat with buttons and bright colors, Barbados Hat (\$35 to \$150), scarf under hat, frill cotton shirt with frill cuffs. Weapons are optional, but then there is that chance of being blown to bits during a proclamation. Custom pirate outfits run the gambit in price depending on how "spoofy" you want to get. Our resident sewing pirate is LeAnne Boswell 791-7096.
2. Accessories can be found on the internet by using key words like PIRATE. A few years ago there were only a few good sites for pirates. Today, you will never be able to touch on all the pirate sites, there are hundreds. The pirate thing is a great outlet for fun and the gatherin' of kindred spirits. WELCOME ABOARD!

Pirate Crew Composition:

A pirate crew usually has a Captain, several officers, and a crew of misfits. This said, you can fall into any of these categories with your dress. Simply decide where you want to fall in these categories and dress accordingly.