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Credits

Stuart Oldcorn and Denis Jackman - Games Design and Rules

Tony Baker – Shipwright.

Rob Jones, Stuart Oldcorn, Paul Douglas, Trevor Crook and Russ Sandy – Figure painters.

Mark Foulds, Phil Gomer, Tim Foulds and Chris Vander Borgh (as well as all those mentioned before) – the Show team.

Foundry Miniatures – Pirate Crew and Cannon and Ship Plans

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Our families for putting up with this fleeting obsession.

The MADGamers Club for helping us test it and allowing us to run it (www.madgamers.org).

Shows

We have as usual taken POD to various shows.

Battlegroup South '04, Bovington Tank Museum, Dorset.

STAB '04 Southbourne, Bournemouth, Dorset.

Firepower '04, Royal Artillery Museum, Woolwich.

At Battlegroup South '04 the game took "Best Participation Game" title.

This is the second year of achieving that prize for MADGamers.

Concept

On the high seas, were anything goes. There are a group of Pirates who spend their lives seeking each other out and plundering each others ships. Using various reference materials (the most inspiring being Monty Pythons – Crimson Permanent Assurance sketch for the meaning of life.). We aim to bring to life the excitement of the High seas. This participation game is set in the "Golden Age of Piracy" 1600 – early 1700.

The Pirate Ships are taken from various sources:

The Black Pearl – "Pirates of the Caribbean"

Captain Jack Sparrow.

The Crimson Permanent Assurance – "Monty Pythons – Meaning of Life"

The Friendly Fire – An American ship (enough said).

The Morningstar – "Cutthroat Island"

Captain Morgan Adams

The Jolly Roger – "Peter Pan"

Captain James S. Hook.

The Black Skull – and why not.

The Royal Navy Vessels are taken from two sources:

The Patrick O'Brien Stories (Master and Commander etc).

HMS Sophie, HMS Surprise – Master and commander
- Captain Jack Aubrey
HMS Interceptor – “Pirates of the Caribbean”.

For game purposes the listed crew is used to determine boarding. The concept here is that a ship has a large crew and this is broken down into Sailing crew, gun crew and boarding crew.

The boarding crew is represented by The captain, The First Officer, the bosun and the cabin boy (Always called Roger) and 6 Able seamen. There may be scope for adding in Marines for the Royal Naval Vessels later.

General

There will be between 6 players for the game. Each player will command a ship. There are various scenarios outlined below.

The Pirate Ships

- The Black Pearl
- The Crimson Permanent Assurance
- The Friendly Fire
- The Morningstar
- The Jolly Roger
- The Black Skull

The Royal Navy Vessels

- HMS Surprise
- HMS Sophie
- HMS Interceptor

Scenario Description

- Destroy Everyone
- Capture the merchant ships
- Royal Navy Patrol
- “*Pirates of the Caribbean*”
- “*Treasure the Island*”

Inventory

6 Ships
60 crew
36 Cannon
20 Hexes
48 cards
10 sided dice
6 Ship card (pirate ships)
3 ship cards (Royal Navy ships)
6 Jolly Boats
3 Merchantmen (made from 15mm plans)
Compass rose
Rum and Enthusiasm
Summary Sheet

Build instructions

Print the Ship cards on A4 and then print the card back sheets on the reverse for the pirate ships. Laminate the cards if possible.

Print the cards on labels (Partners P24L labels).

Assistance or Questions

If you have any questions visit the club website (www.madgamers.org) and post a question on the forum.

Reference List:

Websites

<http://www.piratesinfo.com/>

http://disney.go.com/disneyvideos/liveaction/pirates/main_site/main.html

<http://www.ecani.com/vi/pirates.htm>

<http://www.ability.org.uk/pirates.html>

Publications

Books

Title	ISBN	Publisher
The Pirate Ship 1660–1730	1841764973	Osprey
Buccaneers 1620–1700	1855329123	Osprey
Pirates 1660–1730	1855327066	Osprey
Pirates Terror on the High Seas	1841764523	Osprey
Privateers & Pirates 1730–1830	1841760161	Osprey

Videos

Pirates of the Caribbean

The Pirate Movie

The Crimson Pirate

Pirates

Cutthroat Island

Peter Pan

The Crimson Permanent Assurance

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