

Committee: Crew of Queen Anne's Revenge

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Me kind has been around as long as humankind. Plundering, stealing, and drinking have been the way of a pirate. Ancient Greece and Roman lost booty and ships in the Mediterranean. The Indian Ocean, with its methodical monsoon winds, brought predictable harvest for pirates. Where merchants sailed, pirates followed. In recent years, the Caribbean has been of great use to piracy. Its abundance of islands provides hiding/resting areas, while shallow water provides an easy get-a-way from the pesky colonial navies. All while providing a plethora of booty! Yes, piracy has never been so fruitful with the Spanish Treasure Fleet bringing tons of precious metals, the English's tobacco, and the French's sugar. Also, while the Europeans are bickering with one another, we pirates have free reign over the coast of the Americas. Most merchants strike colors when they see a pirate, due to the often quick and silent nature of a pirate ship. Due to these factors, me and me buckos can drink at our pleasing. The only threats to a pirate are hunger, thirst, sickness, pirate-hunters, and traitors!

The first thing we need to do is create a pirate's code. I think it's in everyone best interest if the such rules are implemented to keep the crew in check. I want to create rules such as: guaranteed free speech, equal suffrage for me whole crew, equally divided loot and booty, no monetary gambling, voting on captains and quartermaster, the right to enter any room, defining necessary crewmembers (i.e. doctor, navigator, boatswain) and punishment for those who incapacitate them, curfew (every crew need their rest) and the punishments of breaking it, and weapon maintenance.

In the beginning, I am interested in developing a drug business. With opium use becoming ever so popular for medical and recreational uses alike, I believe this will be very lucrative for me crew. The development of these drugs will allow me crew to expand and control more and more of the Caribbean.

Finally, I believe that it is time for me fellow pirates to connect the Pacific and Atlantic in a fashionable manner. To accomplish this task, me crew must get stronger and capture Panama. Modeling Henry Morgan attack on Panama, we shall capture Panama and connect the pirates of both oceans. This would hopefully be the prelude to the dream I carry... a pirate nation! A place where pirates across the world can be free to trade their stolen goods with their fellow pirates. A place where justice is determined fairly by the laws of your peers. A place that the value of freedom can prosper and flourish and develop a people that will join together against the threat of tyranny! Hopefully, we can expand and capture the rest of the Caribbean to bring together a free nation.

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