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Objective

he winner is the player with the most Victory points at game end. VPs are scored immediately after they occur. and are earned from:

The Net Worth of a retired Pirate, Obtained by in-Port conversion of booty (doubloons) taken after looting Merchant Ships or successfully attacking Ports.

The Notoriety of retired, eliminated and surviving Pirates. Obtained by:

- -Looting Merchant Ships
- Torturing Hostages
- Successful Port attack
- Successful Port sack
- Defeating a King's Commissioner in battle
- Defeating a Warship in battle
- Surviving an Oust Attempt by a King's Commissioner

VPs are also scored for being eliminated by a King's Commissioner (PP), using a King's Commissioner to eliminate a Pirate (APP), being defeated by a Pirate after attacking with a King's Commissioner, or using a Warship to damage a Pirate.

If a Pirate is eliminated (not by a KC) or is still alive at game end, he receives 1 VP per Notoriety Point, but receives 0 VP for Net Worth.

Setup

Players take the following number of Pirate Displays each: 5 or 4 players: 2; 3 players: 3; 2 players: 4.

Roll 1d6. The highest roller is Player A; play passes clockwise. Players take corresponding Pirate ID chits.

Remove Play Immediately cards from the Event deck. Shuffle the deck and deal 4 cards face down to each player. Re-shuffle the Play Immediately cards back in and place the deck face down on the board.

Place the 8 Pro-Pirate Governors in Port Boxes determined by d66 rolls. If pirate ports or duplicate ports are rolled, use the next available higher-numbered port.

Players randomly draw or choose the following number of Pirate Cards each: 5 or 4 players: 2; 3 players: 3; 2

In player order, deploy 1 Pirate into any sea area (even if occupied). In order, additional pirates may be deployed if desired. 1 at a time, up to the total number held.

Place each Pirate ID marker and Pirate Card on a Pirate Display and select a ship type (Sloop or Schooner) for each pirate deployed. Place Combat and Speed markers on the card as appropriate for that ship, and Loyalty Level markers on 7.

Place the 35 Merchant Ships in a cup and draw 8. Place face down in Merchant Boxes (ship icon) at ports determined by d66 rolls. If pirate ports or duplicate ports are rolled, use the next available higher-numbered port.

Place the Victory Point markers for all players in the O box of the track (+100 side down).

Place the following markers in cups: 9 King's Commissioners (KC), 15 Hostages, 16 Anti-Pirate Governors and 15 Warships

Determine game length. Standard: until the General Pardon card is played for the third time (2-3 hours); or Long: go through the Event Deck twice, adding General Pardon after the first run through (4-5 hours).

Sequence of Play

Each player, in player order, takes a Player Turn as a Pirate Player (PP), at some time which each of the other players, as Anti-Pirates (AP), get 1 Anti-Pirate turn.

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On your turn as a Pirate:

A ship with Scurvy has its Crew Loyalty reduced by 1

1. Event Card Draw Phase

The PP draws Event cards, one at at time, until he has 4. Resolve, then discard, any Play Immediately cards and draw replacements.

2. Merchant Ship Phase

If there are fewer than 5 Merchants, increase the number to 6 by adding face-down merchants to ports using d66 rolls. If pirate ports, duplicate ports or destroyed ports are rolled, use the next available higher-numbered port.

3. Event Card Announcement Phase

The PP plays at least 1 Event card as an Event or for Actions. All 4 cards in a PP's hand may be played, but only 1 can be used for actions.

When played as an Event, the Event is resolved and the other players cannot take any Anti-Pirate Actions.

When played for Actions, the number of actions the player may undertake is shown on the card. Each action is completed before starting the next.

When the card can be played for Event and Actions, the Event may be played for itself (other players cannot take any Anti-Pirate actions), or in addition to the actions.

Any action may be repeated in the same turn. Actions may be split amongst all the player's pirates.

Event cards with a diamond icon give one pirate only a number of actions equal to his Initiative rating. If he is eliminated before using them all, any of the player's other pirates may use the remaining actions.

If a player has no cards to determine how many actions he may take, he may have up to 2 actions for up to 2 cards discarded (1 action per card).

- 4. Actions Phase (if a card was played for Actions) Each action allows one of the player's pirates to perform one of the following:
- 1. Move 1 Pirate
- 2. Find Merchant Ship
- 3. Loot Merchant Ship
- 4. Convert Merchant Ship
- 5. In-Port Activities
- 6. Attack Port
- 7. Sack Port
- 8. Booty Grab
- 9. D&R Recovery
- 10. Form Pirate Alliance
- 11. Retire Voluntarily
 - 12. Draw and/or Deploy **New Pirate**

The only actions available to a pirate ship with a D&R marker are Movement and D&R Recovery. If a ship with a D&R marker is attacked in any way, subtract -2 from its Speed and Combat.

On your turn as an Anti-Pirate:

No AP action can be played more than once during any single pirate action. AP players may not work together or reveal their cards. No AP action is allowed if the PP is drawing or deploying a new pirate.

AP players can use their KCs to react (Intercept and Attack) to some Pirate Actions during the pirate's turn, but only 1 KC can react per Action.

Anti-Pirate Actions:

- 1. Attempt to Deploy a King's Commissioner (KC)
- 2. Use a King's Commissioner (KC)
- 3. Use Any On-Station Warship or Play Warship Sighting Event Card
- 4. Play an Anti-Pirate Event Card

PP Action 1: Move

The player may move 1 of his pirates as follows. These rules apply to moving KCs as well.

Any number of pirates are allowed in any sea area, transit box or port

If a pirate ship's Speed is reduced below 0, it requires 2 move actions simultaneously to move. Each time the ship's Speed rating falls from 0 to -1, its Crew Loyalty decreases by 1.

Sea Area to Sea Area

A pirate may never enter (or stay in) a sea area that contains that player's own King's Commissioner.

Sea Area to Port

A pirate may enter a port from, or exit a port to, an adjoining sea area.

Port to Sea Area

A player's pirate may never leave a port if the adjoining sea area contains that player's own King's Commissioner.

Sea Area to adjoining Transit Box

Transit Box to adjoining Sea Area

Ships in transit boxes cannot be attacked, but may be affected by Events.

PP Action 2: Find Merchant Ship

A pirate may attempt to find a merchant ship in any Merchant Box in the sea area in which they are both located

Roll 1d6 + Pirate Ability Rating (+1 if merchant ship is already face up).

If the result is 7 or higher, turn the merchant ship face up to see its type and Cargo rating. The pirate may then Loot the ship as next his action.

PP Action 3: Loot Merchant Ship

A merchant ship that has been found may be looted by that pirate as his very next Action, even if this is on the

If a Storm at Sea is played before Looting and a storm occurs in that sea area, the merchant ship is immediately removed from play without being looted.

To stop the looting any one AP player may play a Warship card, activate an on station warship in that sea area or use a KC AP action to intercept and eliminate the pirate.

Roll 1d6 + Merchant Ship Cargo rating and cross reference the result with the Region on the Merchant Cargo Table to find the worth of the cargo in doubloons. The pirate then decides whether or not to take the cargo.

If pirate loots the merchant ship:

The pirate adjusts the markers of 1 empty hold in his ship to reflect the cargo. If all his holds are already full, he must empty 1 hold before loading the new booty.

His Crew Loyalty is adjusted by -1 if the result was 1-3, or +1 if the result was 8-10.

Hostages

Randomly draw a Hostage chit and immediately:

Ransom the Hostage: Put the chit in the Hostages box on the pirate display together with a Nationality marker of the adjacent port; or

Torture the Hostage: Roll 1d6; if the result is greater than the pirate's Cruelty rating, note the hostage's Information rating (left) on the Port Grid for the adjacent port, which will make attacks on that port easier.

If the result is less than or equal to the pirate's Cruelty rating, the hostage dies without providing information.

Crew Loyalty increases by +1 and the pirate gains Notoriety points equal to the hostage's Value rating (right). Return the hostage to the pool of counters.

If pirate does not loot the merchant ship:

The merchant ship is returned to the pool, the pirate's Crew Loyalty is adjusted by -1, and the action is finished.

Notoriety and D&R

A pirate earns Notoriety points equal to 1d6 + Merchant Ship Cargo rating whether he takes the cargo or not. After being looted, whether the cargo is taken or not, return the merchant ship to the pool of counters.

The pirate may declare voluntary Debauchery & Revelry (D&R) for his crew. Place a D&R marker on the pirate marker. To remove the marker, enter a port in a subsequent action and make a D&R Recovery Action.

PP Action 4: Convert Merchant Ship

A pirate wishing to convert a merchant ship to his own use must do so immediately after the corresponding Loot action, even if this is on the next turn.

Only Sloop, Schooner and Brigantine merchant ships can be converted (red, blue, and green borders). Flutes and 3-Masted Square-Riggers (black borders) may not he converted

Move the pirate's Ship Type marker on his display to the appropriate box and set the Combat and Speed settings to their new maximums. All other markers are unchanged

If converting to a smaller ship with less holds, the excess (entire) holds are lost. Crew Loyalty increased by +1 if the new ship is bigger (more holds), and decreased by -1 if the new ship is smaller.

PP Action 5: In-Port Activities (In-Port Action)

A pirate may not move into: a port with an Anti-Pirate Governor unless he has attacked the port or has the appropriate Letter of Marque: a destroyed port: or a port with a nationality matching an Attack History marker on the pirate's display.

Governors are either Pro-Pirate or Anti-Pirate. Ports with no governors are Neutral. Pirate ports never have governors and have no Nationality, Value or Garrison, Placement of an Anti-Pirate governor on a port automatically displaces all pirates there into the adjoining sea area.

A pirate in possession of a Letter of Marque for a port's nationality may treat the port as Pro-Pirate for all purposes except buying Safe Haven status.

As soon as a pirate is in-port he automatically recovers from Scurvy and cannot be a victim of a Scurvy card.

Any or all of the following activities (in order) can be undertaken for only 1 In-Port Activities action:

1. Ransom Hostages

The pirate must be in a Pro-Pirate (or Anti-Pirate if the appropriate Letter of Marque is held), Safe Haven, or Neutral port of the same nationality as the hostage.

No ransom is possible in an Arab (green), Portuguese (white), or Pirate (black) port.

Doubloons: (2d6 x Hostage Value rating) x 10

Add the doubloons to any of the pirate ship's holds (a hold need not be emptied first). Then return the hostage marker to the pool

2. Convert Booty to Net Worth

As many holds as desired may be emptied. Adjust the numbers on the pirate's Net Worth track.

Port	Conversion Ratio (Booty:Net Worth)
Pro-Pirate	1:1
Anti-Pirate	1:1 (with appropriate <i>Letter of Marque</i>)
Neutral	2:1 (1:1 with appropriate <i>Letter of Marque</i>
Safe Haven	1:1 + 10% (round up)
Pirate	1:1 (invokes involuntary D&R)

3. Refit

Ship damage (Speed and/or Damage hits) may be repaired:

Damage: ½ x1d6 (rounded up)

In Anti-Pirate ports the appropriate Letter of Marque must be held. In Safe Havens add +2 to the total. In Pirate ports remove all damage.

Refitting is never possible in Arab (green) ports.

Later Actions may be used to continue refitting.

4. Purchase Safe Haven Status

Safe Haven status can be bought by bribing a governor in a Pro-Pirate port that is not a Safe Haven for another

A pirate can have as many Safe Havens as he wishes,

Bribe: (1d6 x 100) from pirate's Net Worth

The pirate does not have to go ahead with the bribe once he has calculated its cost, though he adds the corresponding Governor Bribed chit to his display whether he goes ahead or not

A pirate may attempt to bribe a specific governor only

If the bribe is paid, note the pirate's Safe Haven location on the Port Grid

Safe Haven status ends if the pirate attacks the port, the port becomes Neutral, an Anti-Pirate Governor takes over the port, or the pirate retires or dies.

5. Enter Involuntary / Declare Voluntary D&R Status

D&R is involuntary if the pirate converted doubloons to Net Worth earlier in the action. It requires 2 D&R Recovery Actions to clear and gain Crew Loyalty Point(s) in port (see D&R Recovery).

D&R is voluntary if the pirate allows his crew to engage in D&R as part of the current In-Port Activities action. It requires 1 D&R Recovery Action to clear and gain Crew Loyalty Point(s) in port (see D&R Recovery).

PP Action 6: Attack Port

If in the sea area adjoining a port, a pirates may attack the port to gain Booty and Notoriety. He may also attempt to destroy the port.

Destroyed Ports may not be attacked and Pirate ports may not be attacked by pirates (only by King's Commissioners).

Attacking a port automatically places the pirate in that port. A Warship on station in the adjoining sea area may try to stop the pirate from attacking.

Place a Port Attacked marker on the port. Whether the attack is successful or not, the pirate places an Attack History marker of the appropriate nationality on his display. All ports of that nationality are now Anti-Pirate to him, including Safe Havens. Any Letter of Marque of that nationality is lost.

The pirate obtains the Attack result:

1d6 + Ship Combat rating + Ability rating + Hostage Information points

Another player obtains the Defense result:

1d6 + Port Defense rating (2d6 if port has Port Attacked marker)

If the pirate's Attack result is greater than the Defense result the attack succeeds. The pirate's ship suffers 1 combat damage hit, he earns Notoriety equal to 2 x the port Value, his Crew Loyalty is increased by +1, and he loots doubloons equal to 100 x a number of d6 equal to the port Value. The pirate automatically enters the port.

The booty takes up 1 hold. If all holds are full, then a hold must be emptied before loading.

If the Attack result is equal to or less than the Defense result the attack fails. The pirate's ship suffers combat damage hits equal to the difference between the results, and is placed in the adjoining sea area.

PP Action 7: Sack Port (In-Port Action)

If a pirate successfully attacks a port it may be sacked and destroyed by that pirate as his very next action, even if this is on the next turn.

1d6 + Cruelty rating

If the result is greater than the port Defense rating, the port is destroyed and useless; place a Port Destroyed marker on it.

The pirate gains Notoriety equal to 3 x the port Value, his Crew Loyalty is increased by +1, and his ship is placed in the adjoining sea area. The crew undergoes involuntary D&R; place a D&R marker on the pirate ship.

If the result is equal to or less than the port Defense rating, the attack fails, the pirate stays in the port, and he must leave and re-enter to attempt to sack it again.

PP Action 8: Booty Grab (In-Port Action)

A pirate in same port as another pirate undergoing D&R may initiate a **booty grab**.

Each player determines:

1d6 + Ability rating (Booty-grabbing pirate adds +1)

If the grabbing player result is higher he is successful, if lower, he gets nothing and his Crew Loyalty is decreased by -2; if equal, a **Duel** automatically occurs.

If successful, roll d6 and add the difference between the results. Multiplied by 10, this is the percentage of the other pirate's booty grabbed (rounded up). This is added to any of his holds, while the victim reduces the booty from any hold(s) he wishes by the same amount.

PP Action 9: D&R Recovery (In-Port Action)

If D&R was voluntary remove the marker by spending 1 D&R Recovery action while in-port.

If D&R was *involuntary* remove the marker by losing 1 action and then spending 1 D&R Recovery action while in-port (ie 2 actions).

After undergoing the recovery action, all D&R markers are removed and Crew Loyalty is increased immediately: +1 in a non-Pirate port, and +3 in a Pirate port.

PP Action 10: Form Pirate Alliance

A pirate with 2 pirates together in the same port may have have one of them declare a **pirate alliance**.

The pirates must stay together, and move and undertake actions as one. If a ship Combat rating is required, use the higher rating +1; for Speed, use the lowest rating; for Loyalty, use the lowest rating; for pirate ratings, use the rating of choice.

Doubloons, Net Worth and Combat Damage are divided evenly between the two allied pirates as they arise. The pirate with the highest Leadership gets any remainder, except for damage, where the player assigns any remainder. The benefits of Refit must be split between the pirates. Speed damages, scurvy outbreak and any changes in Crew Loyalty apply to both ships. No Letters of Marque can be obtained or used by the alliance.

The alliance is broken either voluntarily, if a *D&R* card is played against it when they are in port (the card is resolved for each pirate), or if a *Mutiny Conspiracy* card is played (the card is resolved for each pirate) and a mutiny occurs.

PP Actions 11: Retire Voluntarily

A **retirement action** is used to get VPs from a pirate's Net Worth and capitalize on his Notoriety. Retiring is only possible in Pro-Pirate ports and is *not* possible in a Pirate port.

When a pirate retires everything he had (including his ship) leaves the game with him. He gains 2 VPs per Notoriety Point and 1 VP per 100 Net Worth (ignore fractions).

Retire Voluntarily

The pirate must be in-port and already possess a *Letter* of *Marque* for that port's nationality. The retirement action can be challenged and negated by another playing a *Double-Cross* card as an Anti-Pirate action.

Surrender During a KC Attack

This retirement is part of the KC Anti-Pirate action is not a pirate action. The pirate must already have a Letter of Marque of any nationality. The retirement action can be challenged and negated by another player playing a Double-Cross card as an Anti-Pirate action.

As a Pirate Action in a Safe Haven

If the pirate is in one of his Safe Havens he may retire by simply saying so.

As a Pirate Action in a Pro-Pirate Port

If the pirate is in a port with a Pro-Pirate governor (but not a Safe Haven), he may attempt to retire by bribing the governor.

The pirate rolls d66 x 100 and gives the governor that amount from his Net Worth (not holds). If he pays, he retires voluntarily. If he declines, his Crew Loyalty is reduced by -1 and he may not bribe that particular governor again (add the corresponding *Governor Bribed* marker to his display whether the bribe is paid or not).

Play of a General Pardon Card See Event card descriptions.

PP Action 12: Draw and/or Deploy New Pirate

Pirates stay in the game until they retire (place in the Retired Pirates box) or are eliminated (place in the Davy Jones Locker box). The pirate card can then not be used again.

A player may never have more pirates in play than the total number with which he began the game.

A player may obtain a new pirate by randomly drawing a new Pirate card from the deck. He may then deploy it as part of the action or hold the card in hand. Players may have the following maximum pirates: 5 or 4 players: 3 in hand, 2 in play; 3 players: 3 in hand and 3 in play; 2 players: 4 in hand and 4 in play.

Cunning

Each Cunning Point allows the pirate to **reroll** any one 1d6, 2d6 or 3d6 roll whenever he wishes. Reduce the total on his display whenever a point is used in this manner. A Cunning Point also allows the pirate to play the *Skull & Crossbones* Event card on his behalf.

Mutiny

A **mutiny** may occur due to a *Mutiny Conspiracy* card, but a mutiny *automatically* occurs whenever a ship's Crew Loyalty rating falls to 0, or is 0 prior to an action.

Roll d6 and compare the result to the pirate's Leadership rating. If greater, the pirate is eliminated. Deploy a new pirate from your hand to take over the ship and everything on it (except the Net Worth, and remove Notoriety and Cunning markers). Reset Crew Loyalty to 6; Combat and Speed are unchanged. If the player has no new pirate draw a new one from the top of the deck (if none, the ship is lost).

If the roll is equal to Leadership, the ship's Crew Loyalty is reduced by -1 (if at 0 it remains at 0). If the roll is less than Leadership, nothing happens.

Duel

Each Pirate rolls d6 equal to their Duel rating. The highest total wins.

If the duel was because of a *Piratical Ambition* card, if the new Pirate wins he takes over the ship and everything on it (except the Net Worth, and remove Notoriety and Cunning markers). The original pirate is eliminated. If the new pirate loses he is killed and never gets into the game but nothing else happens. A tied duel is re-fought until a winner is determined.

If the duel was during a booty grab, the winner can take any or all of the victim's possessions (except their Net Worth), transferring them to his ship. Or, he may replace his ship with the loser's ship, transferring everything to the new ship. The losing pirate dies. A fled duel can be re-fought if both players agree, otherwise the booty grab action ends and both pirates remain in port.

King's Commissioners

King's Commissioners (KCs) have Speed (left) and Combat (right) ratings on their counters. KCs can arrive as a pirate's AP action or by play of an Event card.

AP Action 1: Attempt to Deploy a KC

Roll 3d6; if the result is less than the Notoriety points of an active pirate not in a port or a transit area, place a randomly drawn KC in same sea area as the pirate.

That KC continues to be controlled by that player, but only 1 KC can be controlled by a player at any one time. Eliminated KCs are out of the game permanently.

AP Action 2: Use a KC

During a given player turn, only 1 KC may perform a **KC AP action** against the PP's pirate *each time* the pirate conducts an action (in addition to any other AP player).

1. Mov

Move the KC into an adjacent sea area or into or out of a transit box (the KC may never enter a port).

2. Attack a Pirate

A KC may attempt to intercept a pirate (either in the same sea area or after a *free* move into an adjacent sea area) and engage it in **battle**.

This AP action may be attempted if the active pirate has announced or is performing one of the following actions: Move, Find Merchant Ship, Loot Merchant Ship, after a Convert Merchant Ship, or a failed Attack Port. A KC may not attempt an intercept on the turn a pirate is deployed.

Once the AP action is announced, the pirate decides whether to try to **evade** or move straight to the battle.

If evading, both players roll a die. The KC subtracts -1 if he moved into the pirate's sea area in this action:

Intercept/Evade: 1d6 + Speed rating

If the KC result is greater than the pirate result, the pirate is intercepted and a battle follows immediately unless the pirate decides to hand over a *Letter of Marque* (any nationality) and retire.

If the KC result equals or is lower than the pirate result, the pirate successfully evades, but his action is over.

If the pirate is intercepted after announcing a Loot Merchant Ship action (but before performing it), the merchant escapes and is placed back in the pool. If intercepted during the action the pirate keeps what he has looted so far but the merchant escapes.

Battle (Pirate): 1d6 + Combat rating + Ability rating Battle (KC): 1d6 + Combat rating

If the KC result is greater than the pirate result, the pirate is eliminated. The pirate scores VPs equal to his Notoriety points (but none for his Net Worth), and the KC scores half of this total.

If the KC result equals or is lower than the pirate result, the pirate defeats the KC. The pirate gains $2 \times KC$ Combat rating in Notoriety points, and his Crew Loyalty is increased by +1. The KC is removed from the game permanently and the pirate may proceed with his action.

3. Attack and Destroy a Pirate Port

A KC may attempt to destroy a Pirate port from the adjoining sea area at any time during a pirate's action.

If there are no pirates in the port it is automatically destroyed and useless (place a *Port Destroyed* marker).

KC 1d6 + Combat rating Each pirate in the port 1d6 + Combat rating

If the KC result is greater than every pirate result, all pirates are forced into the adjoining sea area, suffer 1 combat damage hit, and the port is destroyed and useless (place a Port Destroyed marker).

If the KC result equals or is lower than any pirate result the attack fails and the AP Action ends.

4. Oust the Currently Active Pirate from a Port

A KC may attempt to oust a pirate from a port (any except a Pirate port) from the adjoining sea area at any time during a pirate's player turn.

KC: 1d6 + Combat rating

Pirate: 1d6 + Combat ratings of all pirates in port

If the KC result is greater than the pirate result, all pirates must move to the sea area and discontinue any actions they were undertaking.

If the KC result equals or is lower than the pirate result, the oust fails and each Pirate gains 1 Notoriety point.

Note that placement of an Anti-Pirate governor automatically ousts all pirates into the sea area (but no Notoriety points are gained).

AP Action 3: Use Any On-Station Warship

New warships enter the game via a *Warship Sighting* Event card. No more than 1 card may be played against a pirate during a pirate action.

Warships can be used to attack a pirate if the active pirate has announced one of the following actions: Find Merchant Ship, Loot Merchant Ship, or Attack Port.

Place a randomly drawn warship (with its Cargo side showing) in the sea area adjoining the port where the pirate is performing one of the above actions.

The warship may immediately attack the pirate if the AP player wishes. Once its strength is revealed the AP player may choose not to attack and leave the warship on station.

Only 1 warship may ever be on station in any one sea area.

On station warships (those already on the map) can be activated by *any* player to attack a pirate as an AP action without the use of an Event card.

Once the AP action is announced, the warship must first intercept the pirate. Each player rolls:

Intercept/Evade: 1d6 + Speed rating

If the warship result is greater than the pirate result, the pirate is intercepted and a battle follows immediately.

If the warship result equals or is lower than the pirate result, the pirate escapes. Any merchant ship involved is removed. The warship remains on station where it is.

Battle (Pirate): 1d6 + Combat rating + Ability rating (-2 if currently undergoing D&R) Battle (Warship): 1d6 + Combat rating

If the pirate's result is greater than the warship's result, the pirate suffers 1 combat damage hit and receives Notoriety points equal to the warship Combat rating. The warship is returned to the pool and the pirate must proceed with his action

If the pirate's result is equal to or less than the warship's result, the pirate's action is cancelled and the pirate suffers combat damage hits equal to the difference between the results. His Crew Loyalty is decreased by -1.

AP Action 4: Play an AP Event Card

AP Event cards are denoted by a symbol on the card.

Ships

Pirate Ship ratings are on the corresponding Pirate Display. The 3 ship types have the following starting/maximum capacities:

Sloop (Combat 5, Speed 5, Holds 2)

Schooner (Combat 6, Speed 3, Holds 3)

Brigantine (Combat 7, Speed 1, Holds 4)

For each damage hit suffered, move the Speed and/ or Combat marker (depending on the type of hit) down its track

Damage hits from battle or a port attack affect only its Combat rating.

When a marker reaches the Sunk box, the ship is sunk and everything aboard, including the pirate, is lost/dead.

Merchant Ship counters have one rating, Cargo Capacity.

Warships and King's Commissioners have two ratings Speed and Combat.

Victory Points

Pirate successfully retires:

- VP per ...
- 2 Notoriety
- 100 of Net Worth (ignore fractions)

Pirate eliminated (not by KC) or still in game at end:

- 1 Notoriety
- 0 100 of Net Worth

KC eliminates pirate:

- 1 Notoriety (for pirate)
- 1/2 Notoriety (for KC)

Sequence of Play

Takes a turn as a **Pirate Player** (PP), during which *each* of the other players, as **Anti-Pirates** (AP), get 1 AP turn.

On your turn as a Pirate:

A ship with Scurvy has its Loyalty reduced by 1.

1. Event Card Draw Phase

(Resolve any Play Immediately cards) until holding 4.

- 2. Merchant Ship Phase
- < 5 merchants on the map: increase to 6 by d66 rolls.
- 3. Event Card Announcement Phase

Play 1-4 cards. Only one can be used for actions.

Event played: others cannot take any AP Actions.

Actions played: number of actions is on card.

Diamond gives 1 pirate only actions equal to Initiative.

- 4. Actions Phase (if a card was played for Actions)
- 1. Move 1 Pirate
- 2. Find Merchant Ship
- 3. Loot Merchant Ship
- 4. Convert Merchant Ship
- 5. In-Port Activities
- 6. Attack Port
- 7. Sack Port
- 8. Booty Grab
 9. D&R Recovery
- 10. Form Pirate Alliance
- 11. Retire Voluntarily
- 12. Draw and/or Deploy New Pirate

Ship with **D&R** may only *Move* and *D&R Recovery*. Subtract -2 from Speed and Combat if attacked.

On your turn as an Anti-Pirate:

No AP action can be played more than once during any 1 pirate action or if PP is drawing/deploying a new pirate.

- 1. Attempt to Deploy a King's Commissioner (KC)
- 2. Use a King's Commissioner (KC)
- 3. Use Any On-Station Warship or Play Warship Sighting
- 4. Play an Anti-Pirate Event Card

PP Action 1: Move

Move 1 pirate. Speed below 0: 2 move actions to move. Each time Speed falls from 0 to -1, Loyalty -1.

Sea to Sea

Sea to Port (or vice versa)

Sea to adjoining Transit Box (or vice versa)

Cannot be attacked in transit box, but Events can affect. Cannot move to sea area that contains that player's KC.

PP Action 2: Find Merchant Ship

Find ship in any merchant box in the same sea area:

1d6 + Ability (+1 if ship face up).

7+, turn ship face up. May Loot as next action.

PP Action 3: Loot Merchant Ship

1d6 + Cargo:

Roll	Atlantic	Caribbean Americas	E Africa Gold Coast	India
1*	0	100	50	500
2*	100	400	150	1000
3*	200	600	300	1200
4	300	800	500	1500
5	400	1000	600	1800
6	500	1200	700	2000
7	600	1300	800	2500
8**	700	1500	1000	3000
9**	800	2500	1200	4000
10**	1000	3000	1500	7500

* Loyalty -1 ** Loyalty +1

If merchant ship not looted: Loyalty -1.
If merchant ship looted: Add to 1 empty hold.

Draw Hostage:

Ransom: Put in ship with Nationality marker; or Torture: 1d6; if > Cruelty, note hostage's Info on Grid. If </= Cruelty, dies. Loyalty +1, Notoriety = Value.

Notoriety points = 1d6 + Cargo whether looted or not.

May declare voluntary D&R.

May Convert Merchant Ship as next action.

PP Action 4: Convert Merchant Ship

Not black-bordered ships. Loyalty +1 if new ship bigger, -1 if smaller.

PP Action 5: In-Port Activities (In-Port Action)

May *not* move into: port with AP Governor unless port attacked or appropriate *LofM*; destroyed port; port with nationality matching Attack History. An AP governor *automatically* displaces all pirates into sea.

Pirate with *LofM* for port nationality may treat port as Pro-Pirate for all purposes except buying Safe Haven.

Pirates recover from Scurvy; cannot be a victim of it.

Any/all of these activities (in order) for only 1 action:

1. Ransom Hostages

Pro-Pirate (or AP if the appropriate *LofM*), Safe Haven, or Neutral port of hostage's nationality. No ransom in Arab, Portuguese, or Pirate port.

Doubloons: (2d6 x Hostage Value rating) x 10

Add doubloons to any of ship's holds.

2. Convert Booty to Net Worth

Port	Conversion Ratio (Booty:Net Worth)		
Pro-Pirate	1:1		
Anti-Pirate	1:1 (1:1 with <i>LoM</i>)		
Neutral	2:1 (1:1 with LoM)		
Safe Haven	1:1 + 10% (round up)		
Pirate	1:1 (invokes involuntary D&R)		

3. Refit

Repaired Damage: 1/2 x1d6 (rounded up)

Anti-Pirate ports correct *LofM* required. Safe Havens +2. Pirate ports remove *all* damage. No refit in Arab ports.

4. Purchase Safe Haven Status

Bribe governor in Pro-Pirate port (not another pirate's Safe Haven). *Governor Bribed* marker whether paid or not.

Bribe: (1d6 x 100) from pirate's Net Worth

May attempt to bribe a specific governor only once.
Status ends if pirate attacks port, port becomes Neutral,
AP Governor takes over, or pirate retires or dies.

5. Enter Involuntary / Declare Voluntary D&R Status Involuntary if booty converted. 2 D&R Recovery actions. Voluntary if in D&R as this action. 1 D&R Recovery action.

PP Action 6: Attack Port

From sea area. Not destroyed ports or Pirate ports (only by KCs). Pirate in-port and *Port Attacked* marker on port.

Successful or not, take *Attack History* marker of nationality. All ports of nationality now AP to him, except Safe Havens. Any *LoM* of that nationality lost.

Attack: 1d6 + Combat + Ability + Hostage Info

Defense: 1d6 + Port Defense
(2d6 if port has Port Attacked marker)

Attack > Defense, attack succeeds. Ship suffers 1 hit, Notoriety = 2 x port Value, Loyalty +1, loot 100 x d6 equal to the port Value. Add to 1 empty hold. Enter the port automatically.

Attack </= Defense attack fails. Ship suffers hits equal to difference between results; place in sea area.

After successful attack, may Sack Port as next action.

PP Action 7: Sack Port (In-Port Action)

1d6 + Cruelty rating

If > Defense; Port Destroyed marker. Notoriety = 3 x the port Value, Loyalty +1, ship in sea. Involuntary D&R.

If </= Defense, attack fails.

PP Action 8: Booty Grab (In-Port Action)

If in same port as a pirate undergoing D&R.

Each player rolls 1d6 + Ability (Attacker adds +1)

Grabbing player result higher, successful: (d6 + difference), x 10 = % pirate's booty grabbed (round up).

If lower, get nothing, Loyalty -2; if equal, Duel occurs.

PP Action 9: D&R Recovery (In-Port Action)

If voluntary remove marker by 1 action in-port.If involuntary remove marker by 1 action and then 1 action in-port (ie 2 actions). D&R markers removed.

Loyalty: +1 in non-Pirate port, +3 in Pirate port.

PP Action 10: Form Pirate Alliance

A pirate with 2 pirates together in the same port may have have one of them declare a **pirate alliance**.

PP Actions 11: Retire Voluntarily

Only in Pro-Pirate ports; *not* in a Pirate port. 2 VPs per Notoriety Point, 1 VP per 100 Net Worth (no fractions).

Retire Voluntarily: In-port with LoM for that nationality.

Surrender During a KC Attack: Part of the KC AP action. Must have a *LoM* of *any* nationality.

As a Pirate Action in a Safe Haven

As a Pirate Action in a Pro-Pirate Port: d66 x 100 = bribe to governor from Net Worth. If he decides not to bribe, Loyalty -1 and no bribing that governor again (add Governor Bribed marker in any case).

Play of General Pardon Card

PP Action 12: Draw and/or Deploy New Pirate

Maximum pirates: 5 or 4 players: 3 in hand, 2 in play; 3: 3 in hand and 3 in play; 2: 4 in hand and 4 in play.

AP Action 1: Attempt to Deploy a KC

3d6 < Notoriety of active pirate not in port or in transit.

AP Action 2: Use a KC

KC AP action against PP each time pirate conducts action.

- 1. Move KC may never enter port.
- 2. Attack a Pirate

In same sea or after *free* move into sea, active pirate announced or performing: Move, Find Merchant Ship, Lot Merchant Ship, *after* Convert Merchant Ship, or failed Attack Port. No intercept on turn a pirate deployed.

Intercept/Evade: Both roll 1d6 + Speed (KC -1 if he moved into the pirate's sea this action)

KC result > pirate, pirate intercepted; battle unless pirate hands over a *LofM* (any nationality) and retires.

KC result </= pirate result, pirate evades, his action over.

Battle (Pirate): 1d6 + Combat + Ability Battle (KC): 1d6 + Combat

KC result > pirate, pirate eliminated. Pirate VPs = Notoriety (none for Net Worth), KC scores half.

KC result
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3. Attack and Destroy a Pirate Port
From sea. If no pirates in port, automatically destroyed.

KC 1d6 + Combat Each pirate in the port 1d6 + Combat

KC result > every pirate, all to sea, 1 hit, port destroyed.
KC result </= any pirate, fails and AP action ends.

4. Oust the Currently Active Pirate from a Port Any except Pirate port, from sea area.

KC: 1d6 + Combat Pirate: 1d6 + Combat of all pirates in port

KC result > pirate, all pirates move sea, actions ended.

KC result </= pirate, oust fails, each Pirate +1 Notoriety.

AP Action 3: Use Any On-Station Warship

Intercept/Evade: 1d6 + Speed rating

Warship > pirate, battle follows. Warship </= pirate result, pirate escapes. Warship remains on station.

Battle (Pirate): 1d6 + Combat + Ability (-2 if D&R)
Battle (Warship): 1d6 + Combat

Pirate > warship's, the pirate suffers 1 hit, Notoriety = warship Combat. Pirate *must* proceed with his action.

Pirate </= warship, pirate action cancelled and hits = difference between results. Loyalty -1.

AP Action 4: Play an AP Event Card

Buried Treasure

The card remains in front of the player until he visits the Isle of Pines, when it is discarded. If the pirate retires or is eliminated the card is discarded.

Spend 1 action to move onto the island (this is not an in-port move) and dig for treasure. Roll d6:

- 1-2 Nothing found
- 3-6 3d6 x 100 doubloons (add to any hold)

Debauchery & Revelry

Play after target pirate has completed his in-port action.

Can be played against any one other player's pirate currently in-port. That crew suffers involuntary D&R.

Disease

Roll d66 to find which port is struck by disease. All governors, pirates and/or hostages there die (pirates are considered eliminated).

Double Cross

Play when a target pirate states he is using his LoM to retire, before his retirement. Can be played in addition to activation of a KC, if a player tries to retire by playing a LoM to avoid KC combat.

Roll d6:

- 1-2 Insufficient evidence: pirate may retire
- 3-6 Put on trial. 2d6 x 10% (rounded up) of the pirate's Net Worth must be paid to be acquited. Treat a roll of 10-12 as 100%
- 1-2 Tried, convicted and hanged, lose all Net Worth

European Turmoil

All KCs and warships in play are removed and their counters placed back into their pools.

Fair Winds

May move one of his own pirates or his KC instantly to any sea area. The use of this card is not an action.

Finger of Fate

Each player must immediately discard one card from his hand to the discard pile. Each then passes his remaining cards to the player on his left.

General Pardon

Played 3 times during the game (shuffled back into the deck after the first 2 times).

The first time it has no effect, unless it was the last to be drawn, in which case the game is instantly over.

The second time a General Pardon is issued to all pirates on the map, until the player who played this card completes his next turn. While in force, every pirate moving into a English port is automatically pardoned and retires (after converting his booty to Net Worth).

The card is now held out of the deck until there are 20 cards remaining, when it is placed into that deck and that 21-card deck reshuffled. If it was the last to be drawn, the game is instantly over.

The third time the game is instantly over.

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New Governors

Roll d66 twice and place a new Anti-Pirate governor on those ports, removing an existing Pro- or Anti-Pirate governor if necessary. If the roll indicates a Pirate port, roll again

Pirates are automatically ousted from ports where Anti-Pirate governors appear.

Heavy Guns

Play on one of the player's own in-port pirates; the pirate gains heavy cannon for his ship. Only one card may be played per ship.

Add +2 to the ship's Combat rolls.

If the pirate subsequently converts a merchant ship to his own use, the guns transfer to the new ship.

KC Surprise

Play immediately after any AP player uses a Warship Sighting card to attempt to attack a pirate.

The player playing this card must not already have a KC. The warship turns out to be a KC, which the player playing this card chooses as normal (no Notoriety roll required)

The attack now proceeds immediately as an attack by the KC (who must intercept the pirate first), not a warship, and the KC belongs to the card player.

This is an exception to the rule of being able to play only 1 AP Event card per turn and 1 AP Event card type per action, since it may be played with a Warship card by the same player.

Letter of Marque

Played during and as part of a pirate's In-Port Activity action. May be assigned to the player's pirate who is inport with a Pro-Pirate governor.

He may do one of the following:

Treat every other port of the same nationality as this port as a Pro-Pirate governor port, reardless of the governor there. Place an appropriate Nationality marker in the Letter of Marque box on his display; σ r

Retire without any ill-effect (unless someone plays a *Double Cross* card).

Local Resistance

Played any time during another player's pirate turn.

The player designates a port (not a Pirate port) with a Pro-Pirate governor and rolls d6. If the result is higher than the port's Value, permanently remove the governor. All pirates in the port are automatically ousted.

Mal de Mer

The player who draws this card loses his turn, although he must still draw Event cards to fill his hand as usual.

Mutiny Conspiracy

Play any time during a pirate's action. Resolved instantly before anything else can be undertaken.

Roll 2d6. If the result is highert than the Crew Loyalty level, a Mutiny has occurred.

Natural Disaster

Once per game event. Permanently remove the card from the game after use.

Roll d6:

1	Bermuda	4	Port Royal
2	St. Augustine	5	Port O' Spa
3	Isla de Tortuga	6	Campeche

The indicated port is totally destroyed; everyone (pirate, hostage, governor etc) there dies and the port is no longer usable (place a *Port Destroyed* marker).

Remove all merchant ships from the map and replace 8 as though setting up the game.

Pirate Converts

May deploy, as an Anti-Pirate action, any one pirate that has successfully retired (one of his own or another player's) as a KC under his control, with a Combat of 9 and a Speed of 3.

May not be played by a player who already has a KC in the game.

Piratical Ambition

Play immediately, and instantly, after the active pirate has suffered a loss of Crew Loyalty.

May be played only by a player with a pirate card in his hand (not yet in play) and without his maximum number of pirates in play.

The player uses his in-hand pirate to fight a Duel.

If the in-hand pirate wins, the target pirate is marooned and eliminated, losing his Net Worth (but not his Notoriety Points). The new pirate takes over his ship and everything on it (except the Net Worth, and remove Notoriety and Cunning markers) and Crew Loyalty is placed at 6.

If the in-hand pirate loses, he is killed an never gets into the game, and Crew Loyalty is increased by +1.

Scurvy

Play at any time during a pirate's action and resolve instantly.

Played against an active pirate not in-port. Place a Scurvy marker on the ship and decrease Crew Loyalty by -1. Any hostage on board dies immediately.

Every time the pirate starts a turn, he further reduces Crew Loyalty by -1 (never below 0) until he enters port and the marker is removed.

Skull & Crossbones

Play the instant the card to negate is played, and before that card takes effect; or when the pirate is the target of a Booty Grab.

A player may play this for his pirate at any time (during his own turn on another's) at the cost of 1 of that pirate's Cunning Points.

It negates any one card just played against him. The negated card is placed back in the deck and the deck reshuffled (without the discard pile); *or*

If the pirate is the target of a Booty Grab action, add +2 to his roll.

Storms at Sea

Roll d66: storms affect the sea area adjoining that port (and transit boxes in that sea area).

Remove all merchant ships in the area.

Roll 2d6 for any warship in the area; if the result is higher than its Combat rating, remove the warship.

For each pirate in the area not in-port, roll d6 (add +1 if the pirate is in a transit box):

- 1-2 1 Speed damage hit
- 3-5 2 Speed damage hits
- 6 3 Speed damage hit
- 7 Ship Sunk

Roll d6 for each KC in the area: on 1-4 the KC is placed back in the pool.

Warship Sighting

No more than 1 card may be played against a pirate during a pirate action.

The player places a warship on station.

Warships can be used to attack a pirate if the active pirate has announced one of the following actions: Find Merchant Ship, Loot Merchant Ship, or Attack Port.

Place a randomly drawn warship in the sea area adjoining the port where the pirate is performing one of the above actions

The warship may immediately attack the pirate if the AP player wishes. Once its strength is revealed the AP player may choose not to attack and leave the warship on station.

Only 1 warship may ever be on station in any one sea area.

On station warships (those already on the map) can be activated by *any* player to attack a pirate as an AP action without the use of an Event card.

Wear and Tear

Play against an active pirate not in-port.

Roll d6 and divide by 2 (1=0).

Decrease the ship's Speed by that amount.

Pirate Ability: Cunning

Each Cunning Point allows the pirate to **reroll** any one 1d6, 2d6 or 3d6 roll whenever he wishes.

Reduce the total on his display whenever a point is used in this manner.

Pirate Player Turn

- 1. Draw up to 4 Event Cards
- 2. 6 Merchant Ships if < 5
- 3. Play Cards (only 1 for Actions)
- 4. Actions Phase

Anti Pirate Player Turn

- 1. Attempt to Deploy a KC
- 2. Use a KC
- 3. Use Any On-Station Warship or Play Warship Sighting
- 4. Play an Anti-Pirate Event Card
- 5. KC Reaction (Intercept & Attack)

1: Move

2: Find Merchant Ship

1d6 + Ability (+1 if ship face up)
7+, ship face up

3: Loot Merchant Ship

1d6 + Cargo Hostage: Ransom or Torture.

4: Convert Merchant Ship

5: In-Port Activities (In-Port)

- 1. Ransom Hostages Doubloons: (2d6 x Value) x 10
- 2. Convert Booty to Net Worth
- 3. Refit
 - Damage: ½ x1d6 (rounded up)
- 4. Purchase Safe Haven Status Bribe: (1d6 x 100) from Net Worth
- 5. D&R Status

PP Action 6: Attack Port

Attack: 1d6 + Combat + Ability + Hostage Info

Defense: 1d6 + Port Defense (2d6 if port has Port Attacked marker)

7: Sack Port (In-Port)

1d6 + Cruelty rating

8: Booty Grab (In-Port)

Both roll 1d6 + Ability (Attacker +1)

9: D&R Recovery (In-Port)

Loyalty: +1 non-Pirate, +3 Pirate port

10: Form Pirate Alliance

11: Retire Voluntarily

Retire Voluntarily
Surrender During a KC Attack
As a Pirate Action in a Safe Haven
As Pirate Action in a Pro-Pirate Port
General Pardon Card

12. Draw/Deploy New Pirate

1: Attempt to Deploy a KC

3d6 < Notoriety of active pirate

2: Use a KC

- 1. Move KC
- 2. Attack a Pirate

Intercept/Evade: Both roll 1d6 + Speed (KC -1 if he moved this action)

Battle (Pirate): 1d6 + Combat + Ability Battle (KC): 1d6 + Combat

- 3. Attack and Destroy a Pirate Port

 KC 1d6 + Combat

 Each pirate in the port 1d6 + Combat
- 4. Oust Active Pirate from a Port

 KC: 1d6 + Combat

 Pirate: 1d6 + Combat of all pirates

3: Use Any On-Station Warship

Intercept/Evade: 1d6 + Speed rating
Battle (Pirate): 1d6 + Combat + Ability
(-2 if D&R)
Battle (Warship): 1d6 + Combat

4: Play an AP Event Card

5: KC Reaction

(Attempt to Intercept and Attack a Pirate)

May be attempted when in the same or an adjacent Sea Area for free The AP Players can use their KCs to React (i.e. attempt to Intercept and Attack) during some Pirate Actions

- no restriction on the # of KCs that can React during the Turn, but:
- only 1 KC at a time can React to each

KCs intercepting from an adjacent Sea Area modify their KC Speed Rating by -1 for the rest of their Reaction

Interceptions and Attacks can be attempted during a Pirate Player's:

- Move Action
- Find Merchant Ship Action
- Loot Merchant Ship Action
- Convert Merchant Ship Action
- a failed Attack Port Action

Pirate may not be intercepted and attacked if in port or Transit Box

Once the attempted intercept is announced, the Pirate Player must decide whether to try to Evade or move straight to Battle-stations

- If Pirate decides to Evade:
- both players roll 1d6 + (Speed Rating)
- -1 modifier to KC if it has moved to intercept
- -2 modifier to Pirate if undergoing D&R

KC Score > Pirate Score

Pirate intercepted and Battle follows immediately unless he decides to hand over a Letter of Marque (any nationality) and Retire

if Pirate retires, he scores 2VPs/ Notoriety Point and 1VP/100 Net Worth

KC Score </= Pirate Score

Pirate successfully Evades but his Action is over (unless it was a Move Action)

Any Merchant Ship involved in the Pirate Action is removed from play (Pirate keeps any Doubloons/Hostage already looted)

If Pirate decides to Battle (or was intercepted by the KC):

- Pirate rolls 1d6 + (Combat Rating) + (Ability Rating)
- -2 modifier if undergoing D&R
- KC rolls 1d6 + (Combat Rating)

KC Score > Pirate Score

- Pirate eliminated
- Pirate scores 1VP/Notoriety Point
- KC scores half of this total

KC Score </= Pirate Score

- KC eliminated (remove from game)
- Pirate gains Notoriety Points = 2 x
 (KC Combat Rating)
- Pirate's Crew Loyalty increased by 1
- Pirate sustains 1 Combat Damage
- KC gains 1VP (for affecting the damage)
- Pirate may proceed with his Action





