

The Pirate Code

Before sailing, each crew member must swear
to abide by the rules of the code.

1. Everyone shall obey orders.
2. Booty will be shared out as follows: 1 share to every ordinary seaman; 2 shares to the captain; 1 1/2 shares to the first mate; 1 1/4 shares to the gunner.
3. Anyone keeping secret of attempting to desert will be marooned. He may take only a flask of gunpowder, a bottle of water, a gun and one shot.
4. The punishment for hitting a man is 40 lashes on the bare back.
5. Anyone being lazy or failing to clean his weapons will lose his share of booty.
6. Everyone may vote on all important decisions.
7. Everyone may have a share of captured drink and fresh food.
8. Anyone found stealing from another member of crew will have his ears and nose slit open and be set ashore.
9. Gambling with cards and money is forbidden.
10. The penalty for bringing a woman aboard in disguise is death.
11. Any booty lost, buried or seized and later discovered must be shared with the original crew who originally obtained it.
12. The compensation of losing a limb is 800 silver dollars.