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## Introduction

We at 2OG games love a good nautical adventure. We even successfully Kickstarted a big, gonzo funnel called [Sinking the Stercorarius](#). We realize that some people may not be into that sort of weird genre-bending story and simply want something... else. So, we have taken pieces of some things we've written and we've turned it into a different sort of funnel. In this adventure we'll make characters with piratical tendencies, send them out to secure a ship, and then sail that ship into some further action. It's only a wee bit gonzo since the ship is akin to an old Spelljammer.

## The Story

A crew has been assembled for a grand theft nautical scheme. You're all crew, no ship and maybe no captain. The crew decided the best way to get more fame and fortune is to simply...steal a ship. Now, no pirate worth their salt would break The Pirate Code and steal from other pirates. So, you have decided to steal a ship that is not property of a pirate, and there's just such a ship anchored in the harbor today, The Sereneco!

## The Quest

The first step is **GATHER INFO & MAKE A PLAN**. Get to the ship, steal the ship, get out to sea, take your first prize. Huzzah! You're Pirates now! Unless you're dead, then you might be warriors in the undead army of the Sea Witch, or Umwansh Lord of the Tides or Pelagia, Queen of the Seas... but that's another adventure and another story.

## Character Creation

Included in this adventure is an occupations table ([Appendix O](#)) from our [Pirate expansion](#) for *Sinking the Stercorarius*. Create 4 PCs per player as usual for a DCC funnel, and when you get to occupations, use our table. Otherwise, character creation is as written in the DCC rulebooks. For part of the adventure some of the crew might be off gathering supplies and each player might just control 1-2 main PCs each.

**Judge Info:** *The nautical life is a tough one. Perhaps put a lower limit of 6 on ability scores...or not.*

## Scene 1: Aimin' to Misbehave - 30-75 minutes

*Arr! Mateys. It be time to strike out on our own and set course for fame and fortune! What say ye scurvy sea dogs ta' stealin' a ship of our own?! YARRR! Let's get to this Grand Theft Nautical then! First off, who's got a plan? We'd best make one quick!*

This scene is all social and some exploration as it revolves around the crew planning to steal the ship. We've already got the ship picked out, The Sereneco, a Caravel-like ship that had some trouble on the way to the town (Lostport if you need a name. It's like the dive bar of ports in the region, scum and villainy and all that). They limped in and have just finished repairs, but the captain hasn't begun recruiting new crew due to the cost, allegedly. Let the PCs

figure out how they want to proceed. There is little in the way of information about the Sereneco and its crew, just what is below. The PCs might also do well to set a stakeout on the ship to watch the crew's comings and goings, maybe get an idea about their schedules and habits, etc. Offer those tips if they get stuck.

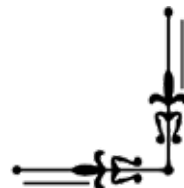
**Judge's Note:** *This section of the adventure should take about 30-45 minutes of social, exploration, and planning. After that time, they should have a plan formed and be ready to implement it. However, some of the PoI below can derail that timing. See play-test note below.*

## Steps: Investigate - Formulate Plan - Execute Plan

### Places of Interest

**The Crusty Pangolin** – Allegedly, the only reputable inn. One in a chain of establishments throughout the realms. It's a franchise, but they have a solid set of guidelines so that the experience in any Pangolin is equal to all the others. They all use the Pangolin name but can vary it with a single descriptor. However, the layout of the building is the same in every location and the license owner, Reybold Brandala shows up to get new owners up and running and show them the ropes of being a Pangolino. All the Pangolin locations have a big common room with a large hearth, bar, and tables, comfy chairs and seats at the bar. All Pangolino are expected to brew or ferment something on site. Upstairs, the Pangolin has 6 spartan but comfortable rooms with two beds per room. Prices are set out in the Pangolino Operations Guide and allow a small variance for local exchange and market rates. They usually land about average in terms of cost for food, drink, and lodging. There is never a stable as Reybold believes that a local business should breed other local businesses and thus he leaves that niche to others. The Crusty Pangolin is run by Pangolino Patience (below).

**Niska's Needed Things** – You need things, Niska has them. However, getting them from Niska always takes some work as he seems uninterested in selling most things he has in his shop, and there's a lot of things. Asking around will get information about Niska and his extremely strict code of conduct. The shop is unusually well-stocked and holds a wide range of useful items magical and mundane. Anything on a mundane equipment table might be found here along with potions of various kinds (1<sup>st</sup> level spell effects or healing up to 2HD). Additionally, at the Judge's discretion, some other magical trinkets might be found, though at a premium price. The store is oddly arranged. When one enters, they are inside of a long cage that goes from door to back of the store. On a dais in the back of the store is a large desk and behind that desk sits Niska. He is able to walk out from behind the desk and along the top of the cage as well as along other racks of equipment. He asks odd prices for his wares, like a book written by the PC and a vial of their blood, etc.



**Hoban's Haven** – Hoban's is an oddly named religious supplies store. Even more odd is the fact that it's in Lostport which is about as far as one can get from a righteous, religious-based existence. So, what is Hoban hoping to accomplish with their Haven? One need but ask them and they shall expound upon it, ad nauseum. Entering Hoban's Haven is not unlike entering a temple to a goddess of calm and serenity. Airy, light music plays from no particular place and the quality of the light is soothing and peaceful. The air is cool and refreshing. Scents float on the air based on Hoban's mood that day and can be a brisk smell of sea salt, a forest just after a light rain, fresh-baked bread, lavender and chamomile, eucalyptus and spearmint, or a rather light and pleasant mix of citrus.

### **People of Interest**

**Pangolino Patience** – Lived a hard life, as evidenced by her numerous scars, two missing fingers on her right hand, and her glass eye. If one asks her, she says it was a fermentation accident, but the real story is that she sailed as one of the most feared pirates of the Wizard Sea. That sea is far away, and she seems quite content with her running of the Crusty Pangolin as a lifestyle choice. Then again, others say she is the head of the whole black market in the region, but she hides it as it brings trouble, and could be a violation of her franchise agreement. Noone really knows except Patience.

**Niska Nunya** - /nee-ska/ Niska is not from around here, which seems to be a trend in business owners in Lostport as if they are all running from something. However, meeting Niska makes it hard to believe this grizzled, gnome (?) runs from anything. Though small in stature, he is fierce in his business dealings. He does not deal in coin stating "the arbitrary value of coins made in meaningless realms or cities are of little worth to me." In fact, he only barter for things in his shop. The two triggers for a successful deal with Niska are either something he has never seen before, or something that is of equal value in terms of condition and usability. How he determines value in that second possibility is up to the Judge.

**Hoban Zoeburne** – "Greetings, lost ones," is often how Hoban greets those who enter their Haven. Whether they speak about the visitors' life choices or have simply given that affectation to those living in the city remains to be seen. Hoban stares into people, not at them. As soon as they turn their gaze onto someone, they seem to know more about them than anyone should know, as if reading the map of one's soul. In fact, the tone of light and scent of the air becomes tailored for each person that Hoban affixes with their stare. An eerie stare it is, as Hoban's left eye is entirely black while their right eye is entirely white. Their skin is light, almost as if covered in dust or flour. Their hair is light blonde, almost translucent and they are tall and thin, even by Elven standards. Hoban wears a robe of swirling shades of gray, but no one is certain if it is magic or a very strange fabric.

If asked about why the Haven is here, Hoban will begin talking about how no place in the universe is any differ-

ent than any other and that The Haven may very well be everywhere at once. That is the nature of the quantum cosmic balance, is it not? When one enters the Haven, was the Haven where they were, or was the door simply a portal that brought them to the Haven's location? If the Haven is, in fact, everywhere all the time, then from where you entered is irrelevant because the Haven is everywhen and where. Hoban will go on to ask who are they to decide that one location in the multiverse is better or worse than another? That is an application of a belief system that does not pertain to all parts of the multiverse and therefore is also, irrelevant. Hoban sums it up with, "In other words, it matters not where you entered from, only that you are now here and that means you must require my assistance in some way, so how can I help you?" Judge's discretion on inventory.

**Playtesting:** *Niska's and Hoban's can be really strange places as Niska is sort of like a mix of supernatural mobster and the devil offering things the player might need, even if they don't work exactly as expected. I whipped up a magical bow, globe of sleep powder, and some dainty gloves of smashing. The special abilities often pop off when a Luck check is successful. Hoban is a strange mystical otherworldly presence who talks in riddles but can be truly helpful and may have useful potions, advice, etc. Have fun with this. However, note that it took A LOT OF TIME. In fact, I think that if you want the quickest path possible, don't mention Niska's or Hoban's as both can turn into a 30-60 minute thing. If you've got 3-4 hours, then have fun with them!*

**On planning:** *We set the scene "you want to steal a ship, you've picked a target, what's the plan?" But you may have to restate that to keep the PCs on track regarding time. There's little information available about the ship as the crew purposely does not leave the Sereneco to avoid complications. They don't allow anyone on board for the same reason. They made repairs and are awaiting the cargo they are to take somewhere else.*

*The PCs will have to gather any information they want. Some can be done in the Crusty Pangolin by having dock workers who delivered supplies be there and ready to chat. The other way is the old fashioned, go out and investigate, way. While this is a funnel and you CAN streamline it to 2 hours, it could also be expanded to 4-5 hours by simply delving into some details.*

### **Information impossible to get:**

- Anything about the crew or where the Sereneco is from.
- What they're doing aside from repairs.

### **Easier to obtain by observation:**

- The daily watch schedule (# on watch, length of shift, etc).
- The ship's basic construction (but not how it works).
- The number of crew (they all remain fully covered on deck).
- Entry points on the ship (hatches, nets, carvings, etc).

**The keys to a successful assault here are information, assets, and planning.**



## Stories of Interest

### Stories about the town

- The town was allegedly organized by Patience and Niska who arrived from elsewhere which may have been on the Wizard Sea. Perhaps they were in dire trouble or perhaps, they tired of whatever life they were living. From them the place grew... or so they say.
- Patience is said to have killed the king of some realm no one can remember and that king's daughter, who became queen, is searching for her and will pay anyone their weight in diamonds if they bring Patience to her.
- Hoban is believed to be a being from another plane of existence, perhaps even an avatar of one of the great lords of Neutrality who watch over the Cosmic Balance.
- The town was allegedly founded on the shore when the Pirate King lost his entire fleet to the Sea Witch. Those that survived swore they would never again set foot on a ship and have taken to a life anchored on the shore. Many residents look like they may have been party to some plundering and Pillaging but won't leave land.
- Out in the bay, under the Black Moon, the water churns as the dead rise from their watery grave and reach out to claim any life they can hold. But no one has lived to say whether that is true. The Black Moon is fast approaching!
- The town was allegedly founded after a great battle between Umwansh Lord of the Tides and Moerg Lord of the Mountains, by those who were left to fend for themselves after the Elemental Lords took their war elsewhere. They clashed as each sought to dominate a portion of the other's domain out in the Elemental Planes, but the war spilled over onto this plane and the odd shape of the bay and the nearby mountains is left over damage. The bay has strange rocky outcroppings in it that are dangerous to pilot around if one does not know the proper approach. The mountains have large sections that are missing from their bases. There are awe-inspiring or mind-boggling overhangs where rock juts out over empty space sometimes as far as 400 feet! It almost looks as if something took a swipe at the mountains and erased part of them.

*Playtesting: I used these as stories in the Pangolin or from locals, drunk or eccentric dock workers, etc. Some are meant to be contradictory. None in town, save the crew of the Sereneco, know its story, origin or mission. Someone might know the true origin of the town, it could be one of the stories above or something completely different, your call.*

*Judge's Note: The Black Moon is meant to fall around Halloween. It could be that the Sea Witch's Undead Armada arrives and raises the dead from their watery graves. See The Village of Death, set to publish mid-October, 2020.*

## The Sereneco Story

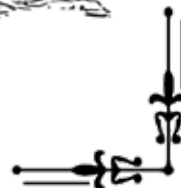
The Captain and just eight crew were on the ship when it limped into the bay and anchored there to manage repairs. A ship that size would normally have a crew between 15 and 25. Rumors abound, but the most popular one is that the Sereneco is from somewhere else, as in, some other plane. While it sounds like nonsense, there are certain things about the ship and crew that lend credence to that rumor. They are all humanoids of various types but only one has stepped foot off the ship, the Quartermaster (see below). The ship has sails, but they fold and unfold and look more like fins on a fish or wings of say, a dragon? The Captain would not allow anyone on board to do repairs, they ferried supplies out and the crew did all the work on their own. Very little is known about the ship itself and just as little is known about the crew aside from the one person sent to get provisions and supplies for repair.

### The Quartermaster

The Sereneco's quartermaster, Vaush, is a burly sort. Thick arms and legs and a stout body see them towering over most others in the town. While they generally kept their hood up, some believe Vaush to have the face of a bear, or a mix of bear and man. Vaush's hands remained gloved and his entire body covered in clothing and cloak when in town purchasing supplies, so no one is quite sure. But those who were curious enough to get close swear that Vaush is some uncommon stock.

### The Plan

Some things the PCs might want to think about as they create their plan. How are the PCs getting out there? Swimming? Rowing? Some other way? Are they going to kill the crew or overpower them? Can they operate the rigging of such a strange ship? Is the ship ready to set sail?





## Scene 2: The Ship Job - 45-60 minutes

With plan set, you're ready to take your first steps toward being pirates! The *Sereneco* is minimally crewed. Something happened to them on the way to [Lostport] so when they arrived, much of the crew was missing. Those eight that remain are steadfastly loyal to the Captain, mostly. Now, the question is, will fate cooperate or work against you?

**Judge:** It's time to steal a ship! Will they attack during the day (daring!) or at night (stealthy!). Weather could play a big role so here's a quick weather chart. You can pick the season randomly or choose the one that fits where you want to take your game, we suggest autumn to coincide with the Black Moon. There are day and night options. The bonuses only apply to the nighttime weather below. The wind could affect ranged weapon attacks if you want to make things more challenging.

When the PCs are ready, determine the day's weather below.

### WEATHER CHART

1d4 season 1d8 details	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn
1-2	Sunny/clear/Bright moonlight	Sunny/clear/Bright moonlight	Sunny/clear/Bright moonlight	Sunny/clear/Bright moonlight
3-4	Partly cloudy/dim moonlight (+1 to stealth/hide)	Partly cloudy/dim light (+1 to stealth/hide)	Partly cloudy/dim light (+1 to stealth/hide)	Partly cloudy/dim light (+1 to stealth/hide)
5-6	Cloudy/almost dark (+2 to stealth/hide)	Cloudy/almost dark (+2 to stealth/hide)	Cloudy/almost dark (+2 to stealth/hide)	Cloudy/almost dark (+2 to stealth/hide)
7-8	Snowy 1d4 1-light 2-medium (+2 to spot tracks) 3-heavy (-5' movement) 4-blizzard (-2 all rolls outside, -10' movement)	Rain 1d4 1-drizzle 2-steady 3-hail 4-torrential (-3 to all attack rolls, +2 to all stealth and hide rolls)	Rain 1d4 1-drizzle 2-steady 3-heavy 4-deluge (-3 to all attack rolls, +2 to all stealth and hide rolls)	Rain 1d4 1-drizzle 2-steady 3-hail 4-sleet (-10' movement, -2 attack rolls, -4 climb, +2 stealth/hide)

<b>Wind 1d8</b>	1-3 - Calm 4 - Light 5 - Strong	6 - Gale Force (-4 ship piloting, -4 ranged attacks) 7 - Storm (-6 ship piloting, -8 ranged attacks) 8 - Hurricane! (Direction applies to if the storm is coming in or heading out, tie yourself down and hope for the best!)
<b>Direction 1d8</b>	1 - N 2 - NE 3 - E 4 - SE	5 - S 6 - SW 7 - W 8 - NW

For more in depth wind effects see the [Beaufort Scale](#).

Once the weather is determined it will either help or hinder the PCs and NPCs. You can give the PCs an idea of what the weather is for the day/night they choose to steal the ship and they can form their plan.

The weather conditions will affect everything from their initial approach to the fight for the ship to their fleeing from the harbor. Granted, there's no well-trained and ready naval militia in this town, that's why they started here. In fact, there's barely even a land-based militia and is more about private guard groups watching over the goods of whomever pays them. If they don't like the weather, they could always push off to another day, but the longer they wait, the more chance of them hiring crew and taking on cargo which complicates things (see below).



## The Sereneco Cargo

The Sereneco runs very special cargoes from time to time. In fact, it may be that they've already secretly loaded a cargo onto the ship as the cargo's buyer and seller like things to be done quietly. Now if the PCs steal the ship, they're also stealing the cargo of some very powerful people. The question is, do they steal it before, or after the cargo was loaded on. Each day the PCs wait for better weather or more information, **roll d100** to see if cargo was loaded. On the first day it's a 40% chance, and the chance rises 20% each additional day if it has not been already loaded. Once the cargo is loaded, the Sereneco leaves in 1d3+1 days.

## The Sereneco Watch

With just nine crew members, the Sereneco is on a very limited watch rotation. To ensure that two crew are always awake and on duty they have gone to a four-watch system with six-hour shifts.

1<sup>st</sup> watch 00-06hrs – Quartermaster, Engineer

2<sup>nd</sup> watch 06-12hr – Striker, Ascetic

3<sup>rd</sup> watch 12-18hrs – First Mate, Surgeon,

4<sup>th</sup> watch 18-00hrs – Master Gunner, Musician

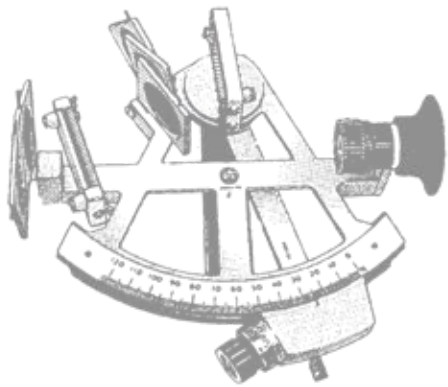
The Captain keeps odd hours, roll d100. Over 50 he is awake, otherwise he is sleeping in his quarters.

See Appendix S for more details on the crew.

**Judge:** *Stealing the ship and escaping with it could be the end goal of this adventure. However, we always offer a third scene. We've re-purposed an open water capture scenario below. It's a drop in scenario that could be used at any time during the PCs nautical career with minor modifications.*

## The Sereneco

The Sereneco sails fast and travels light. Most of the armaments are defensive in nature. Chain shot to tear through masts and crew instead of large, heavy cannonballs to sink enemies. There are no broadside cannon, but there are chase cannons fore and aft, two each port and starboard. They're smaller, lighter cannon that can be loaded and aimed quickly. See rules in the next scene on their use.



## Scene 3 Objects at Sea

*The watch sees a ship sailing fast at a line perpendicular to the Sereneco. It looks like it might really be the crew's lucky day. Stealing a ship and capturing a prize all in the same day? YAARRR!*

Give the PCs on watch a chance to find a soft target with a Luck check. If they fail, they find a hard target that may be more trouble than it's worth.

If the new crew of the Sereneco has gunners, they can fire the small cannon at the target before boarding. There are 2 small cannon on each side of the ship at the front and the back. They fire chain and bar shot that do not sink other ships but do damage to prevent continued pursuit, as it's a smuggling vessel. Using them to slow and board an enemy ship is a good re-purposing of them. Gives a bit of a chase scene element.

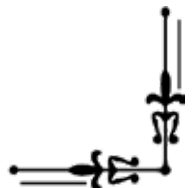
Roll an attack against the enemy ship as DC 14 AGI for the gunner. On a hit, the gunner then makes a Luck roll. On a success, the hit kills 1d3+1 enemies. On a failure, it kills just 1 enemy. Four hits slows the enemy ship to half speed, eight stops it dead in the water.

Pilots can make move checks to get a +2 to hit, or +2 to the DC of the AGI check for opposing cannon.

Things for PCs to do during battle if not a pilot or a gunner:

- Firefighting.
- Weapons should be readied.
- Sand should be spread on the main deck both to fight fires and to absorb blood from battle to keep it from getting slick.
- Buckets of water should be prepped for firefighting.
- Reloading cannon, in reality takes minutes, with 3 crew per gun it takes 3 rounds. One DC 12 AGI each PC.
- Targets will not have cannons on them because they are focused on speed. However, they may still fire flaming arrows, magic, or simply throw torches at the Sereneco when close enough.
- Because of the small size of the cannon, position makes little difference in the damage and effect of the shots from the Sereneco.

**For more complex, yet still modular and light, naval combat rules see 2 Old Guys Games' [Rules of Engagement](#) product available on DrivethruRPG.**



## The Soft Target

A trader on a spice run full to the brim with things easily sold in almost any port without many questions, and a smaller detail of fighting sailors. Hand-to-hand combat of this nature is difficult and dangerous. There are no rules of engagement and nothing to prevent one person from killing an enemy engaged with someone else. These are not well-trained fighters but could still overtake the crew in ten rounds or less. If things look grim, suggest the PCs cut ties with the target and retreat. The Sereneco will outpace this ship, and retreat is quick.

**SAILOR (2, PLUS 3 FOR EVERY 2 PCs):** *Init +0; ATK +1 Dagger/ Club; 1d4 Dmg; AC 10; HP 8; SV Ref +1 Fort +0, Will +0*

**GUNNER (1, PLUS 1 FOR EVERY 2 PCs):** *Init +1; ATK +1 crossbow; 1d6 Dmg; Range 80/160/240 AC 10; HP 9; SV Ref +2 Fort +0, Will +1*

### Booty Per PC

- 25 gp of spices (cinnamon, ginger, saffron, and salt).
- 6 gp of fabrics (samite, wool)
- 1/X<sup>th</sup> of weapons from combatants (X = # of crew)
- 3 silver bars (5 sp each)
- 2 semi-precious gems (5cp each)

The captain gets 3x this, other officers get 2x this. Officers get first choice of weapons from combatants, then the rest gets split across the crew.

**Strategy:** The sailors and gunners aim to not die. If things go extremely poorly, they'll surrender to save their lives and ship, handing over the cargo under a flag of surrender.

## The Hard Target

A trader under contract to a kingdom shuttling troops to a warfront. There will still be some valuable cargo on the ship, but it will be far more difficult to extract. Combat of this nature is brutal. These troops are well-versed in hand-to-hand combat and deadly efficient at their jobs. It is entirely possible that they overwhelm the crew of the Sereneco in a handful of rounds. If things look grim, suggest the PCs cut ties with the target and retreat. The Sereneco will outpace this ship, and retreat is quick.

Two gunners will be in the rigging as snipers with long guns (+3 ATK; 1d10 Dmg; Range 60/120; One shot every four rounds until they are killed.)

**MILITARY (3, PLUS 2 PER PC):** *Init +2; ATK +1 longsword; 1d8 Dmg; AC 12; HP 11; SV Ref +0 Fort +1, Will +1*

**GUNNER (2, PLUS 1 PER PC):** *Init +1; ATK +2 Flintlock; 1d8 Dmg; Range 40/80 AC 11; HP 10; SV Ref +2 Fort +1 Will +1*

## Booty Per PC

- 1/X<sup>th</sup> of weapons from combatants (X = # of crew)
- 8 gold bars (10gp each)
- 7 silver bars (5gp each)
- 1 ruby (10gp)

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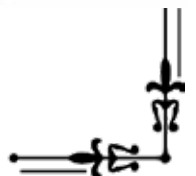
**Strategy:** See above.

### Notes for either encounter

If all the enemy crew are killed, the PCs may tow the captured ship to port as part of their cut. Use a Dhow or a Luger which were merchant vessels with small crews. However, they'll have to find a piracy-tolerant port and society and the price will be quite low (say 3,000-5,000gp). They certainly can't go back to Lostport just yet. Plus, there's only a 25% chance of finding a buyer of such a noticeably stolen good like a ship.

Also, if they capture a ship, and it has cargo on it, which both targets do, someone might get angry and come looking for it. This could be plot hooks for later stories. Maybe someone recognizes some of the cargo when they try to sell it and either comes after them or sells them out to others who will. See *Further Adventures*, below.

Both targets will have various sundries such as food, fresh water, and standard shipboard supplies. Neither ship carries black powder, cannons or ammunition. Both may have maps or information about other potential targets.





## Wrapping up the Adventure

**Treasure:** The Sereneco is a ship like no other that you've seen. In fact, it hails from another world and has the power to travel between the spheres of reality and ride the void to destinations unknown. The problem is, it's powered by magic and you'll have to figure out what that means. Judge's discretion. While on the PC's world it acts much like a standard sailing vessel. The crew are sailors of some sort and after a bit of practice they get pretty good at sailing it.

If the cargo was loaded in the harbor:

- 50 bars of gold (25gp each) in the Captain's quarters
- 12 crates of cargo full of ???

Allow each player to level up one PC to first level. Keep any others around as crew on the ship. That way it's easy to get reinforcements, or bring in a new PC when one dies.

## Further Adventures!

Someone saw the PCs steal the Sereneco and comes after them to take it back, join the crew, hire them, etc.

The cargo was loaded on the Sereneco and one of the parties involved in the transaction come looking for it. Who that might be, is a mystery.

Someone survives Scene 3 and sends the local Pirate Hunters out to hunt down the pirates (PCs).

One of the cargo owners from Scene 3 is alerted, or spots their cargo in the hands of someone who shouldn't have it. They decide to hunt and kill the PCs as revenge. Or maybe hire them, or trick them... or all of the above.

Their sea-going prowess has attracted the attention of other pirates, factions or entities who have reason to stop, join forces, or avoid the PCs.



## Appendix E: Enemy sailors

### Soft Target Sailors

#### **SAILOR (2, PLUS 3 FOR EVERY 2 PCs)**

*Init +0; ATK +1 Dagger/ Club; 1d4 Dmg; AC 10; HP 8; SV Ref +1 Fort +0, Will +0*

**Strategy:** The sailors and gunners aim to not lose their lives. If things go extremely poorly, they'll surrender to save their lives and ship, handing over the cargo.

#### **GUNNER (1, PLUS 1 FOR EVERY 2 PCs)**

*Init +1; ATK +1 crossbow; 1d6 Dmg; Range 80/160/240 AC 10; HP 9; SV Ref +2 Fort +0, Will +1*

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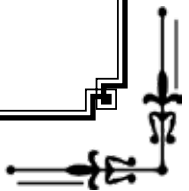
*Init +2; ATK +1 longsword; 1d8 Dmg; AC 12; HP 11; SV Ref +0 Fort +1, Will +1*

**Strategy:** These guys will want to fight to the death as a point of honor. They're sort of jerks that way. Plus, they're on a trip to the frontlines of a war for their king. They could be serious problems for the PCs.

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## Appendix O: Occupations

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12	Boatswain	Saber (1d6, AGI)	15' rope, 3 yards canvas, 10' chain
13-14	Cabin Boy	Carving Knife (1d4)	Privy brush, bucket
15	Carpenter	Hammer (1d4)	Saw, 1 dozen nails
16	Cooper	Flagging Iron (1d4)	Cooper's Tools*
17	Doctor/Surgeon†, ††	Clyster Syringe (1HP, DC 15 Sedative, 1 dose)	Surgeon's Kit**, pint of rum
18	Gunner	Handspike (polearm, 10' range, 1d6)	5' fuse, 1lb black powder, botefeux
19	Master Gunner	Bar shot (1d6, melee)	Spyglass, powder vial, 2x Chain shot (1d4, range 15')
20-21	Mate (2nd, 3rd...)	Dagger	Ship's journal, quill, ink pot
22	Musician†	Nipperkin (1HP)	Fiddle, pipes
23	Navigator†, ††	Quadrant (1d4)	Sailing charts, compass, spyglass
24	Pilot	Plumb bob (15' range, 1d4)	Compass
25	Powder Monkey	Unarmed (2HP)	1lb black powder, coil of fuse
26	Rigger	Belaying pin (1d4)	Knife, block & tackle
27	Striker	Spear	Animal hide, net, snare
28-29	Swabbie	Mop (1d3)	Bucket, soap, scrub brush
30	First Mate or Quartermaster ††	Saber, pistol (1d8) and dagger or trident (1d10)	10gp, longcoat (acts as leather armor), good pair of boots, 2 random pieces of equipment from Table 3.4 (page 73 DCC Rulebook)

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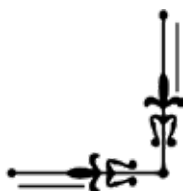
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\* Tools necessary to make barrels includes: Heading knife, hammer, flush borer, tapered borer, shave base, shave top, plucker, block hook, bent cooper driver, chincing iron, rivet punches, flagging iron, hoop driver.

\*\* Tools for arrow/bullet extraction, Cauterizing, various syringes, dental instruments and pelicans, dressings, head surgery tools, leeches, various medicines, setons and cauteries, mortar and pestle, straight razors, amputation tools. A portable kit would only contain a plaster box (first aid), a Salvatory (salves and medicines for treating a fresh wound), a pocket toolset (folding lancets, forceps, scissors, seton needle, speculum oculi, tenaculum, uvula spoon)

### Who is the Captain!?

There is no Captain on the table. Someone could petition the crew to be Captain. It means a larger cut of bounty and being responsible for everything. The Captain could be elected from the crew the first time round. Later, they could be challenged to one-on-one combat for the position. As Captain, it's best to kill anyone who challenges your authority in that way, because they will probably try to kill you if you don't. That's what being bad is about.



## Appendix R - Reference Cards

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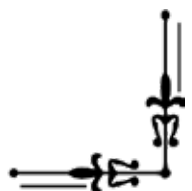
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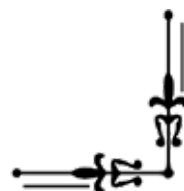
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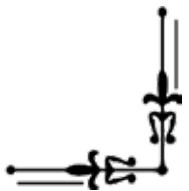
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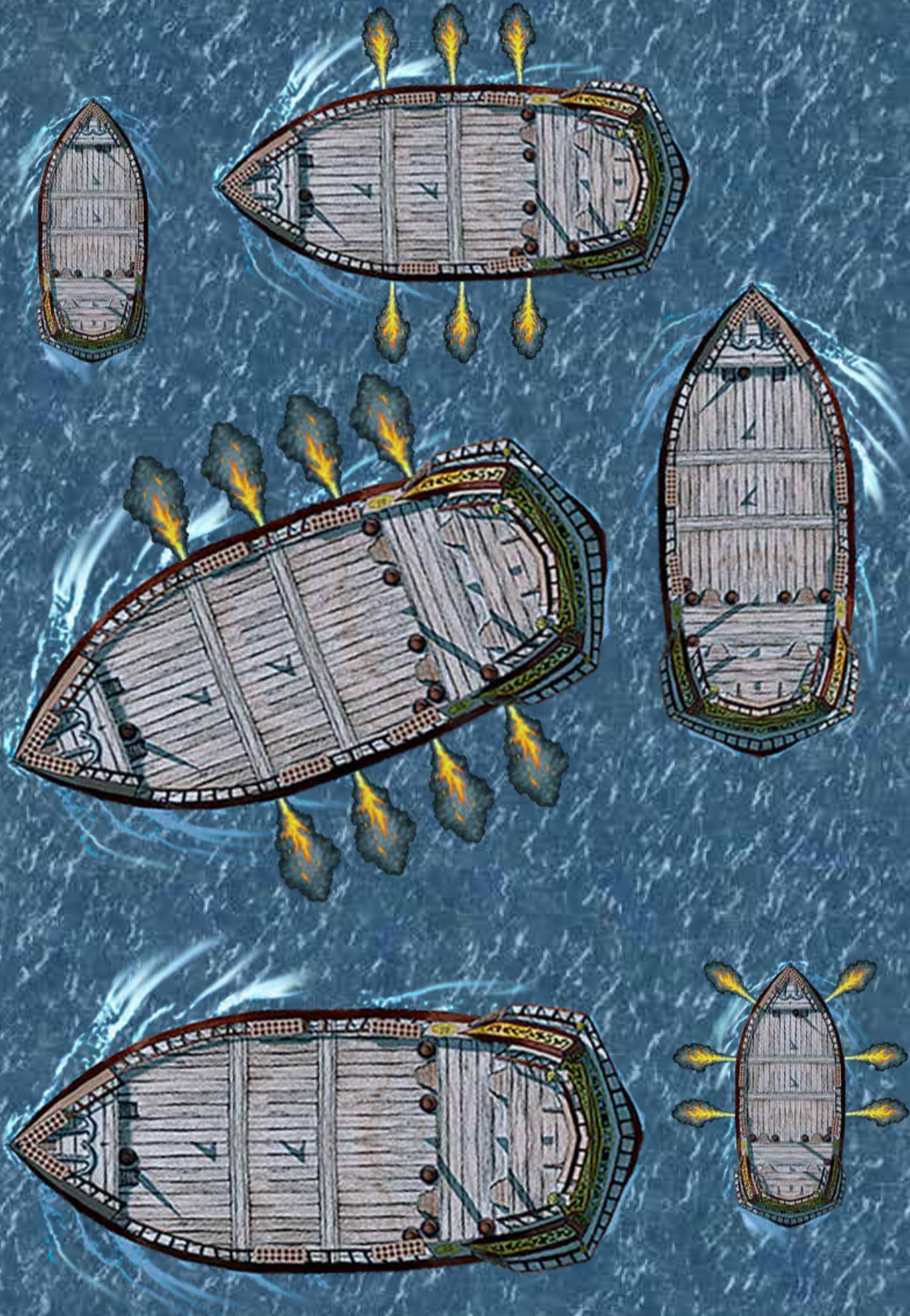
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