

New Orleans' PyrateCon 2008 Planners Celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day

Wednesday, September 19 is Talk Like A Pirate Day. In New Orleans, next April 18-20 will also be time to talk like a pirate, as the city hosts the second annual PyrateCon, a gathering of pirates and pirate fans. Convention organizers met in New Orleans in advance of Talk Like A Pirate Day to fine tune arrangements for next April's gathering while celebrating an early TLAPD.

New Orleans, LA (FPRC) September 17, 2007 -- September 19 is Talk Like A Pirate Day, but in New Orleans it won't be the only time to celebrate all things piratical. The organizers of PyrateCon 2008, to be held in New Orleans April 18-20, 2008, are taking advantage of the holiday to raise awareness of next year's pirate convention.

So what do pirates do at a convention? Among other things, they learn about pirate history and literature from scholars and authors, compare tips on pirate costume creation, buy, sell, and trade pirate themed merchandise, attend rum tastings, and watch pirate movies. They also invade the French Quarter, parade down Bourbon Street, pARRHty heARRHty, and even raise money for charity.

And, they mingle with stars from all three Pirates of the Caribbean movies, including Marty Kleba, Isaac C. Singleton, Jr., Vince Lozano, Lauren Maher, Vanessa Branch, and Treva Etienne, with others in discussion with the organizers about participating.

PyrateCon 2008 promoter Andre Vreise explains, "Like our April 2007 event, PyrateCon 2008 will appeal to everyone from the serious re-enactor to the casual pirate movie fan. But we're building on the success of our first event, which drew several hundred attendees from across the country and hundreds more to watch our parade and our invasion of the French Quarter. In 2008 we plan to conduct full scale battles and sword fights, and even wench auctions like the one in the Pirates of the Caribbean ride."

Adds Karen Ballentine, "Pirate enthusiasts are a community, and this event is about community as well. Last year attendees in full costume delivered a bus load of school supplies and equipment they donated to the N. P. Trist Middle School in Meraux, LA. This year we're also doing charitable work. And, New Orleans businesses like our host hotel the Hampton Inn French Quarter and the restaurants and clubs where our dinners and parties will be held benefit too."

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