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## Pirates & Privateers

*The History of Maritime Piracy*

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### Pirate Quote:

Consider what a dangerous sea the world is in which thy soul is to sail the leaking ship of thy body...In this world souls meet with rocks and sands, sirens and pyrates; worldly temptations, worldly lusts, and worldly company cause many [to] "drown themselves in perdition". – Reverend John Flavell, *Navigation Spiritualized*, 1682

### Pirate Article:

**Mother Nature, Pirates, & Dangers at Sea**

<http://www.cindyvallar.com/hazards.html#pt2>

The second part of this article features storms at sea, men overboard, and hurricanes -- dangers that endangered the lives of pirates and seamen alike.

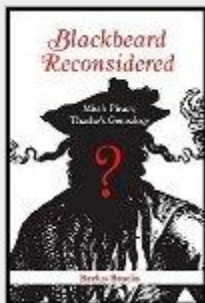
Coming May 20th: Part 3

### Pirate Nests and the Rise of the British Empire, 1570-1740

by Mark G. Hanna

<http://www.cindyvallar.com/Hanna.html>

During England's expansion beyond her borders, privateers helped defend the far reaches of the empire. They were a valuable resource, especially among colonists. But as time passed, this important asset became a scourge that plagued trade and honest sailors. This study examines this transition over 170 years.



### Blackbeard Reconsidered

by Baylus C. Brooks

<http://www.cindyvallar.com/Brooks.html>

For centuries historians have referred to Captain Charles Johnson's *A General History of the Robberies and Murders of the Most Notorious Pyrates*. But how reliable is it as a primary source when seeking information about the notorious Blackbeard?

**Forthcoming reviews:** *Memoirs of Captain Sam Bellamy*, *The Dragon Round*, *A Confederate*

Biography, Little Pegleg the Pirate, The Butcher's Daughter, Fortune's Whelp, Force 12 in German Bight, Glendalough Fair, Charity's Cross, Pirates: Masterworks of Adventure, Amber Wake, Are You the Pirate Captain?, The Winds of Folly, Dockyard Dog, In Pursuit of the Essex, The Pirate Jamboree, Philip Nolan: The Man Without a Country, Roland: Of Pirates and Patriots

Ahoy, Mates!

Welcome to new subscribers. Welcome to this new version of the newsletter. I'm still experimenting with the new features that are available, and I'd love to hear what you think. Just send me an email at <mailto:piratelady@cindyvallar.com>.

Congratulations to Dave Brewster, Caroline Blaha-Black, and Alexander Riley! They are the winners in the Birthday Contest celebrating 16 years of Pirates and Privateers. Each received an Amazon gift certificate, *Plunder* by Pat Croce, *The Adventures of Captain Antonio* by A. C. Allanby, and an autographed copy of *A Tall Ship, a Star, and Plunder* (which features my short story "Rumble the Dragon). Thanks to everyone who helped me celebrate! (If you're interested, the answers to the questions are now posted on the website: <http://www.cindyvallar.com/pirates.html#birthday>)

Special thanks to Edward Bright, US Naval Institute Newsletter, Rick Spilman, Chris Brady, Helen Hollick, and Log Lines to for information provided in this newsletter.

One of my favorite diversions is listening to Old Time Radio shows. Three of my favorites are *The Shadow*, *Tales of the Texas Rangers*, and *Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar*, both of which have featured episodes involving pirates. I often listen to them while uploading and testing the revisions I've done to the website. Back when I lived in Maryland, I often listened to The Big Broadcast on WAMU 88.5 on Sunday nights. Now, with the Internet I can still listen to this weekly broadcast even though I now live in Texas. The last hour of this week's show features Mercury Theater's *Treasure Island*, starring Orson Welles. Between now and next Sunday, you can listen too by going the show's website. [http://wamu.org/programs/the\\_big\\_broadcast/16/04/17/the\\_big\\_broadcast\\_april\\_17\\_2016](http://wamu.org/programs/the_big_broadcast/16/04/17/the_big_broadcast_april_17_2016)

Dr. Ed Fox of the University of Exeter will again present his online course, The Real and Imagined World of Pirates. It begins on Monday, 25 April, and lasts for twelve weeks. For more information visit <http://education.exeter.ac.uk/dll/details.php?code=DLH20>.

Until next time, enjoy!

Fair winds and following seas,  
Cindy

#### **Pirates News and Links\***

For the latest articles on modern piracy, see Modern Piracy Resources.  
<http://www.cindyvallar.com/modernresources.html>

Friends of Queen Anne's Revenge  
<http://www.wcti12.com/news/local-nonprofit-friends-of-queen-annes-revenge-dissolves/38733420>  
North Carolina non-profit ceases operations

Congress Authorizes Privateers  
<http://www.oldsaltblog.com/2016/04/congress-authorizes-privateers-april-3-1776/>  
240 years ago the Continental Congress made privateering legal during the American Revolution

Ocracoke Pirate Bash  
<http://www.villagecraftsmen.com/news032115.htm>  
Edward Teach, Israel Hands, Charles Vane, and Calico Jack Rackham attend pirate party in 1718.

Buried Treasure?

<http://www.app.com/story/news/local/southern-ocean-county/2016/04/18/oh-kidd-money-island-toms-river/83182964/>

Captain Kidd, Money Island, and Toms River

P is for . . . Pirate Code

<http://ofhistoryandkings.blogspot.co.uk/2016/04/p-is-for-pirate-code.html>

Helen Hollick interviews Captain Jesamiah Acorne

A Parcel of Rogues

<http://www.thenational.scot/culture/a-parcel-of-rogues-william-kidd---the-king-among-pirates-whose-treasure-is-still-hunted-today.16536>

King among pirates whose treasure still lures hunters

#### **Maritime News\***

Treasure of a Different Kind

[http://www.wwaytv3.com/2016/03/23/archaeological-experts-cannon-found-on-riverfront-from-1700s-18<sup>th</sup>-century cannon found](http://www.wwaytv3.com/2016/03/23/archaeological-experts-cannon-found-on-riverfront-from-1700s-18th-century-cannon-found)

The Navy's "Smashers"

<https://www.navalhistory.org/2016/03/14/the-navys-smashers>

A look at carronades

Solving Nutritional Mystery

<http://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/solving-the-nutritional-mystery-of-historical-food-at-sea>

Was food really as bad as sailors claimed?

Journey to Australia

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3529325/Letters-Australia-s-immigrants-tell-treacherous-  
tales.html](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3529325/Letters-Australia-s-immigrants-tell-treacherous-tales.html)

Letters, journals, and paintings recount first immigrants' trips

Confederate Blockade Runner

<http://www.oldsaltblog.com/2016/04/civil-blockade-runner-agnes-e-fry-believed-found-off-oak-island-nc/>

Archaeologist believe Agnes E. Fry found off Oak Island, North Carolina.

Go Figure

<https://ussconstitutionmuseum.org/2016/04/20/go-figure/>

Challenges faced in assembling new exhibit at USS Constitution Museum

Buried Under the Sea

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/dutch-divers-found-17th-century-dress-buried-under-the-sea-180958843/>

Divers find 400-year-old dress

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