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Piracy on the High Seas

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History of Piracy



- ❑ Ancient Greek
- ❑ Julius Caesar, the first famous victim
- ❑ Pirates appeared in Mediterranean
- ❑ Rome enforced navy to fight against pirates

History of Piracy



- ❑ Buccaneers Era 17th century
- ❑ Treasures from American
- ❑ Conflict between Spain and England
- ❑ Golden Age 1700~1730
- ❑ Conflict ended.
- ❑ Commerce between America, India
- ❑ Pirates all over the world

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History of Piracy



Jolly Roger

- ❑ The banner on a pirate ship.
- ❑ Appeared in the Golden Age
- ❑ From French *joli rouge* (very red)
- ❑ A symbol of inhumanity, greed, terror.

Patterns

- ❑ Skeletons, daggers, cutlasses, fists, bleeding hearts, etc
- ❑ Color
- ❑ White: waiting for prey, in chase of prey
- ❑ Red: ready to board if victim not striking
- ❑ Black: ready to fire, seeking chance to board

Modern Piracy

International Maritime Bureau

- ❑ The map of modern piracy (IMB Live Piracy Map 2007).
- ❑ More than half of pirate attacks (51%) occurred in Southeast Asian waters near the Malacca Straits. Attacks in East African coastal water was in 2nd place (20%). (IMB Piracy Reports in 2005)



Modern Piracy

Past vs. Present

Similarities

- Somewhere to prowl.
- Pirates hunted vessels laden with treasures from Americas and the Far East, in Caribbean. Today, their favorite targets are tankers filled with products easily sold on the black market —fuel, palm oil, and steel.

Modern Piracy

Past vs. Present

Similarities

- ❑ Low risk of detection.
- ❑ In ancient times, the favorite hunting grounds were the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. These areas are far from continent; navies were not able to cover all the area under control. Today, piracy is thriving in the Malacca Straits, South China Sea, and water off African coast.

Modern Piracy

Past vs. Present

Similarities

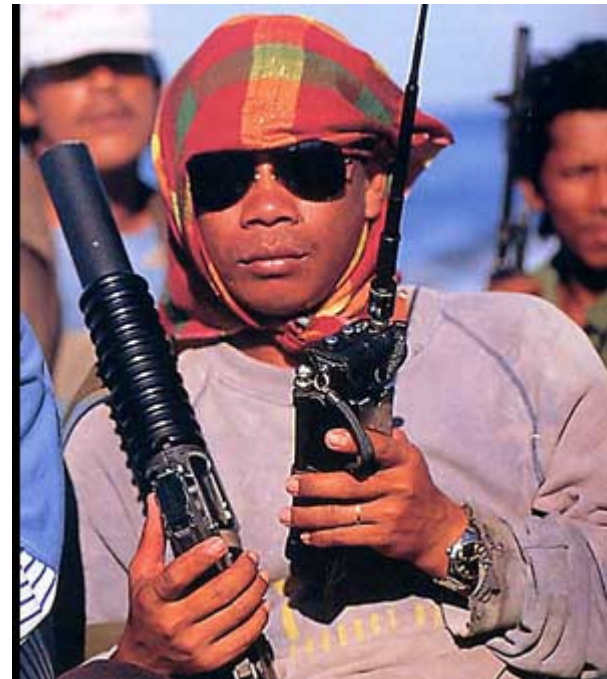
- ❑ A safe haven.
- ❑ In the ancient times, Port Royal was a good place to hide. Today, Indonesia's 17,508 islands also provide ideal hiding places. *"People who are living on the coast always protect them. The pirates are like Robin Hood. They always give some of their takings to the people, so people protect them from us"*. Buyung Lelana, Marine Colonel

Modern Piracy

Past vs. Present

Differences

- ❑ Lighter, faster boats.
- ❑ Speed boat, jet skis,
- ❑ Smaller crew
- ❑ 20~30 compare to 100~200 in the past
- ❑ Higher mobility
- ❑ Hunting prey, instead of waiting vessel coming through their places
- ❑ Automatic Weapons
- ❑ Rifles, pistols, rocket launchers.
- ❑ Higher technology
- ❑ GPS, satellite telephone, Radar



Costs of Piracy



Costs of Piracy

- ❑ Statistics not well kept.
- ❑ Estimates range widely.
- ❑ Economic costs small compared to value of maritime trade. BUT—
- ❑ Piracy on the rise.

Economic Costs

YEAR	REPORTED HIJACKINGS	OTHER REPORTED ATTACKS	TOTAL ECONOMIC LOSS (U.S. \$)	PERCENTAGE OF ALL COMMERCE	CENTS LOST PER \$10,000 SHIPPED
1991	1	106	6,325,000	.0004	4.3
1992	1	105	6,312,500	.0004	4.0
1993	0	103	1,287,500	.0001	0.8
1994	5	85	26,012,500	.0014	13.8
1995	12	176	62,200,000	.0029	29.3
1996	5	223	27,787,500	.0012	12.2
1997	14	215	72,687,500	.0032	32.0

From *Jolly Roger With an Uzi*, by Gottschalk & Flanagan.

- Issues with this Estimate:
 - Reporting
 - Hijackings vs Muggings
- Kidnap/Ransom a New Trend.
 - Ransoms usually in millions.
 - Lives not just property.

Human Costs

- Harder to Quantify.

- Hijacked crews.
 - Killed
 - Wounded
 - Psychological Trauma

- UN Food Aid to Somalia

Discussion

- Should piracy itself be considered mainly as an economic cost or as a type of street crime?

Discussion

- ❑ Should piracy be considered—and responded to—mainly as an economic cost or in the same vein as gang violence?
- ❑ What are the responsibilities of the international community to fight piracy and protect humanitarian aid shipments?

Operations & Counter- Measures



Operations



- Hijackings
 - Steal Ship/Cargo
 - Kidnap/Ransom

- “Muggings”

Operations

- ❑ Mother Ship
- ❑ Small Boats
- ❑ Small Arms



Operations

- ❑ Okay, but how do you fence an oil tanker?
- ❑ Support from shore.
- ❑ Organized crime.

Counter-Measures

- Illumination
- Evasive Action
- Non-lethal
- Lethal

Counter-Measures



- UN Security Council
- Piracy vs. Terrorism
- Royal Navy

Counter-Measures

- Legal Status
 - *Hostis humani generis*
- Definitions
 - International Waters
 - Private Purpose
 - More than one Ship
- Jurisdiction

Counter-Measures



- Naval Response
 - Hostages?
 - Collateral Damage?

- Peacekeepers

Discussion

- How do you feel about the idea of arming merchant ships to deal with the piracy? Could such a practice raise maritime security concerns of its own?

Discussion

- ❑ Should the British Foreign Office be so worried about the human rights of pirates? Could international law governing piracy be improved to alleviate such concerns—and make it easier to prosecute pirates?

Discussion

- Is NATO's plan to patrol the Gulf of Aden—presumably with the prospect of NATO warships firing on pirates in international waters—a legitimate response to the issue? What might be the advantages of a purely naval response, rather than one involving peacekeepers as well, or vice-versa?

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