



Bloodlust Announced

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Captain Tpar has announced the date for our next Bloodlust!

Bloodlust will be held at 8:30 PM Central time at the kinship house on June 7, 2008. This is a required event for all Pirates. What this means is that if a pirate is online, they are expected to attend Bloodlust. Those who refuse to attend, after being contacted by an officer, may be removed from the kin and/or suffer other disciplinary action.

Bloodlust is our periodic meeting where we meet to hear about the state of the kin, to review items of importance and interest to the kin and kin officers,

and to see the promotion of officers.

Among the events planned for this Bloodlust are:

Awarding of Commendations, Announcing promotions, and of course, the inevitable dueling, or sparring.

Officer applications are now open. Officer applications will be accepted until May 17, 2008. Those interested in applying as a pirate officer should study the information available on our website, and if interested, follow the directions for submitting an officer application. When submit-

ting an application, ask yourself if you are doing so because of a desire to serve the members of the kin, or for a desire to be served. Those chosen to lead as officers become the servants of the kinship. Officers spend a great deal of their time each day assisting kin members, whether it be actually helping with quests, or providing them with information about the game to make their play more enjoyable.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Bloodlust!



Pirate of Mention Sought

One of the awards which will be granted at bloodlust will be Pirate of Mention. This will be a pirate nominated by the members, who has been of special help to the

members, and who has made the play experiences of others more enjoyable.

To nominate a Pirate of Mention, send an email to bhplotro@gmail.com and make sure you give the name of the pirate, and

several examples of why you believe they should be awarded this honor. The recipient will receive a prize and mention here on the Pirates Log

Interestingly enough, it has been said that the age of piracy is over. In the sense of the pirates of old, where the pirates would have their own ship, fire a broadside and stop a merchant vessel, then its true. However, piracy survived into the 21st Century, and indeed, flourishes in several parts of the world.

In southeast Asia, piracy is still alive and well. Armed gangs of thugs often will intercept merchant vessels, board them, and then either hold those vessels hostage, their crews, or plunder the

Modern Piracy

cargo. In some cases the pirates are sponsored by organized criminal syndicates on mainland Asia, who can then distribute and sell the cargo as their own. In other instances, the pirates hold the

crew and the ships hostage for cash.

The same is happening off the east coast of Africa, where several recent news stories have given rise to the fact that piracy still thrives. Somalia has no effective government, and thugs based in Somalia are able to board merchant vessels, and sometimes even cruise ships, and then threaten and rob the crews and passengers.

Until navies of the world decide to wipe them out, pirates will flourish!



**Samur has trolls
and evil dwarves in
abundance**

On Tuesday, April 29, 2008 a hardy group of adventurers led by Karris, of the Legion of Shadow, ventured forth into Carn Dun. This was our first adventure into this dungeon since Book 13. What a shock we received.

The hornblowers have

Changes to Carn Dun

changed. At first, it seemed that we would have to give up, after multiple attempts to get around this menace, but in truth, after several tries, it was decided to declare victory with them, and to go elsewhere.

The group then went and

killed two major bosses, which resulted in Kyarra receiving the Iron Gate Key. This will help her and the Pirates in future endeavors.. And.. We Will Be Back!

Personnel Officer: Sub-Leftnant Aminwield

Sub-Leftenant Aminwield was appointed as Personnel Officer of the Blackheart Pirates on April 28, 2008. He lives in Mankato, Minnesota, where he has attended Minnesota State University.

As personnel officer, Sub-Leftenant Aminwield is responsible for maintaining membership records, coordinating recruiting efforts, and

making sure that the crew of the pirates is well. He also assists the Executive Officer and Captain with administrative duties relating to the crew, including the investigation of any complaints.

Aminwield comes to us from Dark Ages of Camelot, where he was a member of the pirates. Shortly after coming to this server, his talents

were noticed, and he was promoted to the rank of Sub-Leftenant. We are sure that as time goes on, he will continue to rise in his abilities and his service to the Pirates!

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Stede Bonnett (c. 1688 - 1718)

The tale of Stede Bonnett is one of the strangest in the history of piracy.

Stede Bonnett was an English aristocrat, coming from well to do family and who had established a profitable plantation in Barbados. However, in 1717 he shocked his friends, neighbors and his wife by purchasing (instead of stealing or capturing) a small ship, and outfitting it for piracy. He named it the Revenge.

He soon thereafter began a campaign of capturing, looting and burning ships off the

coast of the southern American colonies, and round the eastern Caribbean.

When he dropped anchor in the Bay of Honduras, he met the famous Blackbeard, who persuaded him to allow



one of his lieutenants to take command of the ship, and sail on Blackbeard's ship, the Queen Anne's Revenge. This lasted for about two months, until the two parted ways with

Bonnett again in command of his own vessel.

He continued to harass shipping until he turned himself in as a reformed pirate in early 1718. However, his ways weren't over, and after raiding more shipping, he was eventually captured and brought to trial before a Vice-Admiralty Court. He was hanged for piracy on December 10, 1718, ending one of the strangest careers in the history of piracy!

The Epic Books: Book V

In Book V one gets to know the Misty Mountains. The various chapters of this quest have one spending a great deal of time going back and forth on various errands from Gloins Camp, which is at the entrance to the Misty Mountains. Apparently, Gloin is upset at some upstart

Dourhand dwarfs, and believes that they have become corrupted by Saron.

You are asked to confirm this, as well as to obtain plans of the Dourhand fortress. At the end of this adventure, one then gets a glimpse into Helerond, and a larger than

wanted glimpse of the mighty dragon which is barely under the control of the Witch King. This fight, if not properly manned, will be a short one.. With all dying. However, Book V is also a lot of fun with the right group of adventurers.

Get to know the
Trollshaws—Book IV

Members Needed!

The Blackheart Pirates need crew! Everyone needs to be doing their part to recruit more members of the kinship. To that end, there will be several changes made in the near future, so that we can bring more quality people into the kinship.

Unfortunately, only officers can actually invite someone into the kinship. How-

ever, everyone can recruit a new member. It just takes a bit of time and patience, and the willing to talk about your kinship with others.

If you are in a fellowship with others and they are not already in a kinship, why not ask them if they would be interested in the pirates? We accept members of all playing levels, abilities and play

styles. Some of our members are casual players. Others play almost all day ever day. Some prefer to have very little or no roleplay. Others, prefer more roleplay. All are acceptable styles for the Pirates.

Remember: when they say yes, then look in social and get an officer to invite! ARGH!

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The Blackheart Pirates is the chapter of the Blackheart Pirates on the Landroval Server, in the game Lord of The Rings Online™ We were founded here on July 1, 2007.

The Blackheart Pirates enjoys the company of all. We accept members of any playing ability, level, or race. We have an active membership who believe in enjoying the game together, helping others, and general silliness.

If you are interested in becoming a pirate, ask any of our members to introduce you to an officer!

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The Captain's Mast

Well, my Pirates, its that time again. Its time for Bloodlust.

I have set Bloodlust for Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 8:30 PM Central time. Now, you wonder.. Just what is Bloodlust? Shame on you!

If you had read the Guide to Plundering, you would know the answer to this question. But, in case you needed someone to read it to you, or can't see out of your one good remaining eye, put your peg leg up on a table and let me explain.

Bloodlust is held from time to time, mostly at the whim of the Captain. Yes, I could hold them every three months or so, but then, what fun would that be?

Anyway, at Bloodlust you will get

to hear me shoot off my mouth about various issues facing the guild. You will also probably get to hear Cdr. Darerradan and Lt. Cdr. Linnear. Each will discuss various aspects of their duties and the kinship as they see it.

Now, we will come to promotions. If you are interested in applying for promotion, know this: I am only planning on promoting one officer at this time. However, that should not discourage you from applying. See the application on our website and send me an email with the appropriate information if you are interested in becoming a Blackheart Pirates officer.

After the promotions, we generally have a question and answer period. Some of these are good questions. Some are just silly. But, we endeavor

to answer the questions that are posed to us, as long as they are something that we can possibly answer.

There is optional sparring after the question and answer session, and we will then adjourn.

Bloodlust is great fun, and I hope to see all of you there, to continue our proud tradition of excellence as pirates! ARGH!



Captain, Blackheart Pirates