

## Bilge Pumps combine sea songs, shanties, Celtic music, and comedy

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GALVESTON – One of Dickens on the Strand's most popular attractions, The Bilge Pumps are a pirate music group based in the Dallas/Ft, Worth area who specialize in performances that combine sea songs, shanties, and Celtic music with a huge dose of silly comedy.

The group has toured since 1999, making a name for themselves at events and festivals around the country,



including a highly anticipated yearly appearance at Mardi Gras Galveston. Led by Craig Lutke, known as Maroon the Shantyman, this rollicking crew belts out such sea-worthy classics as "All For Me Grog" and "Blow the Man Down".

"The Bilge Pumps are truly first class, top notch, and captivating entertainment," writes Alvon Brumfield, entertainment director and festival producer for the Louisiana Renaissance Festival. "If your not inspired to clap or sing along with the Bilge Pumps, Check your hearing or your pulse!"