



## An Afternoon of Pirates in Historic Downtown Galveston: Fun for the Entire Family

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GALVESTON – Dust off your pirate costumes from Halloween and come out for “An Afternoon of Pirates” on Saturday, July 21, 1-2 pm at Saengerfest Park, 2302 Strand.

YARRR sures to enjoy The Bilge Pumps, a pirate music group from Dallas known for their sea songs, sea shanties, and Celtic music combined with a huge dose of silly comedy. Pirates from Pirates! Legends of the Gulf Coast will also entertain the crowd with periodic sword fights during the afternoon. The event is free and open to the public. Glitter tattoos and face painting will also be available for a small fee.



During this free family event, visitors receive a \$1 off on admission to Pirates! Legends of the Gulf Coast which is housed in the 1885 Butterowe Building, located off Saengerfest Park. Pirates! Legends of the Gulf Coast is a pirate-themed family experience where visitors can learn about the legends, myths and stories of the last buccaneers. The interactive entertainment venue features the deck of a pirate ship, a captain’s cabin and actors who help to tell the story of the notorious Jean Lafitte and his brother Pierre, as well as the life that all pirates led.

Long ago pirates roamed the seas of the Atlantic and the Caribbean, many made their way to the Gulf of Mexico sailing to the Yucatan, and eventually to the shores of Louisiana and Texas. One of the most famous pirates to sail the Gulf also made Galveston his home for a period of time. Jean Lafitte, a Frenchman of questionable values, took New Orleans by storm, help defend our nation under Andrew Jackson's command in the Battle of New Orleans, then sailed away from the shores of Louisiana settling on a magical island....Galveston. Come join us and learn the legends, myths and stories of the last of the Buccaneers.

You can also meet the resident pirates and visit the gift shop with lots of pirate related items for both the young and old.

## More Pirate Fun! Fifth Annual Swashbuckler's Soiree

Galveston Arts Center is pleased to announce the **Fifth Annual Swashbucklers' Soiree** will be hosted at the Texas Seaport Museum on Saturday, July 21, 2012.

This year's pirate bash will include a silent auction, great food, ale for all, raffle drawing and entertainment to shiver yer timbers!



Doors will open to the public at 6:00 pm and bidding on silent auction items will continue until 8:30 pm.



Admission will be \$20 each at the door, \$15 for GAC members.

Pirate attire is encouraged! The proceeds from this evening of nautical nonsense will benefit Galveston "Arrrrts" Center's exhibitions and education programs.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at the event or may be purchased in advance at the Arts Center's current location at the corner of 25th and Market Streets. Drawing for the raffle will take place at 9:00 pm. This year's grand prize is 4 days and 3 nights for two adults at the Hyatt Key West Resort and Marina. This package also includes two, one-hour Swedish massages. Airfare is not included. A second drawing will be held for an

eighteen inch freshwater cultured 10mm black pearl necklace, courtesy of Vic's Estate and Fine Jewelry. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50.

Galveston Restaurant Group will provide galley grub for hungry scallywags. Privateers can quench their thirst with Land Shark Lager courtesy Del Papa Distributing Company, or a sample of Railean Rum.

Renown pirate balladeers, the Bilge Pumps, will provide salty entertainment courtesy of SpringHill Suites Hotel. Silent auction items will include art, merchandise and gift certificates from area artists and retailers.

Proceeds are tax deductible and benefit the Galveston Arts Center and all of its public programming—including free admission at all times to exhibitions of contemporary art, the presentation of art education outreach programs for underserved populations in our community, and the production of ArtWalk, one of Galveston's favorite destination events.