

Pros and Cons of Being a Somali Pirate

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Somali pirates have been back in the news lately after hijacking several ships and abducting a U.S. freighter captain. And as with any occupation, the job has its ups and downs...

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—You get to meet real live U.S. Navy Seals! (*Jameson*)

—Not nearly as many Keira Knightley types hanging around as *Pirates of the Caribbean* made it seem like there would be. (*Sean*)

—Always at sea during "Somali Pirate's Week" on *Jeopardy!* (*Mike*)

—When Captain Morgan visits, he's always a little too eager to "put a little Captain in you" if you know what I mean. (*Matt*)

—In the modern pirate era, "Jolly Roger" no longer refers to the skull and crossbones flag, but rather to that effeminate dude who works over in accounts receivable. (*Brandon*)

—Your kids think you'll be bringing home cool stuff like gold doubloons and jewelry, but it's mostly just irregular sunglasses, jet ski parts, and Applebee's training DVDs. (*Jameson*)

—All the good "Beard" names have been taken, so now all you hear is stuff like "Indigo Beard," "Fat Beard," and "Hey You Beard." (*Matt*)

—You have to listen to all the Kenyan Pirates brag about Obama. (*Mike*)

—The mainstream media is swarming to scapegoat Somali pirates these days, meaning you'll probably have to leave it off your resumé. (*Jameson*)

—Too many Johnny Depp wannabes; people have forgotten that it's supposed to be about the raping and the pillaging. (*Brandon*)

—Two words: mermaid orgies. (*Matt*)

—Unlimited free appetizers at the Long John Silver's in Mogadishu. (*Mike*)

—That annual Talk Like a Pirate Day bullshit gets old really fast. (*Jameson*)

—The wildest girls spend spring break off the Horn of Africa. (*Matt*)

—No one blinks if you start arguing with the bird perched on your shoulder. (*Mike*)

—Though completely awesome, those sail-propelled pirate ships can't catch a canoe. (*Matt*)

—Turn of phrase "I need that like I need a hole in the head" is sort of off the table now. (*Jameson*)

—A life at sea does no favors to the genitalia for thee. (*Matt*)

—The term "pirate" is given a bad name by those bastards who leaked the *Wolverine* movie. (*Mike*)

—The pungent aromas of fish guts, mildewed clothing, and sweaty ass are not the aphrodisiacs that all those Kanye West songs would lead you to believe they are. (*Brandon*)

—Text-messaging fees for satellite phones are outrageous. (*Matt*)

—Only real chance for advancement is if your boss's face gets shot off. (*Jameson*)

—It's still better than being a Pittsburgh Pirate. (*Mike*)

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