

Pirates Today Are Frauds

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I hate how a manly and well-respected profession has become a haven for stupid kids that get nicknamed “pirates” by the media.

“Pirating has climbed 200% in the last three years with the rise of KaZaA and other file-sharing services.”

Downloading music off the internet does not make you a pirate. It just makes you a sorry thief.

Pirating is reserved for only the best of the best of the thieves. Pirates plunder. Pirates murder. Pirates loot. Pirates sink ships. Pirates get drunk. Pirates sail around on ships. Pirates have parrots. Pirates say “ARRR.” Pirates have hooks. Pirates have insane facial hair. Pirates are UGLY.

The difference being, if we sum it up, pirates are cool and you are not.



Real Pirate

Fake Pirate

Pirates *do not* have iPods. Pirates don't eat tofu, pirates aren't scared of the police, pirates aren't good looking, pirates drink only the finest rum (not Michelob Ultra), pirates use guns, pirates throw knives, heck, pirates *eat* knives. For breakfast. They eat kids too. They don't eat cheerios and they don't brush their teeth. Especially not with a battery-powered toothbrush. For the most part pirates don't have teeth. Or legs, or eyes. If you're not missing a body part, you're not a pirate. Pirates do not listen to the Backstreet Boys; they would eat a Backstreet Boy. They've never heard of Napster and if it's not a ship they can sink they don't care.

The problem is that people know pirates are cool and want to emulate them by doing illegal things. But they don't understand that what makes you a pirate is not illegality, it's style. Just plain haggard style.



Bootlegging is not sitting down in the movie theatre and filming the movie with your Camcorder. Real pirates *eat* Camcorders. And while crunching it with their teeth they slit every moviegoer's throat with their left hand. Bootlegging is transferring good stuff like weapons and alcohol and gold across the sea and into forbidden territory. And terrorizing and killing and eating everyone that stands in your way.

What would Blackbeard say to little Stacy downloading music and thinking she's a pirate?

Nothing. He'd pick her up and eat her raw.

Pirates are hardcore. They don't back down to authority. If a policeman approached a pirate, the pirate would kick the guy in the crotch with his pegleg. Because pirates are mean and they don't respect anyone. Then they'd take the cop's prefabricated gun and eat it too.

Next time you download music and think you're pirating, a real pirate will swing through your window on a rope and grab you with his hook. Then he'll slit your throat and eat you. And your computer and Mp3 player too.