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WOMEN PIRATES – COMING LIVE FROM THE HISTORY OF MERCHANT NAVY...

Woman... she didn't spare the bad either! Yes, there are references in the history gone by, where women pirates had threatened people at sword points, even killing many lives as they continued to conquer hearts all the way... An interesting tell-all tale of women pirates, who had a more-than-tough life, when they survived among MALE pirates, who had their own law which stated that no woman would be allowed to become a pirate!! No clue need be given to the kind of punishments that would ensue...
AHOY AHOY... HERE SHE STRIKES AGAIN!





Women pirates were a relatively rare occurrence nevertheless some female pirates did exist. Women were considered to be an **undesirable addition** to a pirate ship. All famous pirates had their own **Pirate Code of Conduct** (Smart, they had CoC's, so what if it wasn't a Certificate of Competency) which was agreed between the crew and Captain. These codes were governed by their own laws, called Articles. Article VI of the Pirate Code agreed by Bartholomew Roberts (Black Bart) and his pirate crew in the Shipboard Articles of 1721 stated:

No boy or woman to be allowed amongst them. If any man shall be found seducing any of the latter sex and carrying her to sea in disguise, he shall suffer death.

Women were known to get over such codes by cross-dressing. Females dressed as men in order to seek their fortune, or to follow husbands to sea. The most famous women pirates included **Anne Bonney** and **Mary Read**.

MOST FAMOUS WOMEN PIRATES



- ✂ **Anne Bonney** – female pirate of the Caribbean
- ✂ **Mary Read** – famous English female pirate of the Caribbean
- ✂ **Grace O'Malley** – famous Irish woman pirate who commanded three galleys and 200 men
- ✂ **Mrs. Peter Lambert** – of Aldeburgh, Suffolk
- ✂ **Jacquotte Delahaye** – female pirate of the Caribbean
- ✂ **Anne Dieu-le-veut** – female pirate of the Caribbean
- ✂ **Mrs. Ching** – Chinese wife of a pirate who turned to Piracy after his death
- ✂ **Mary Crickett (or Crichett)**
- ✂ **Lady Killigrew**
- ✂ **Charlotte de Berry**

Tracing the history of Anne Bonney and Mary Read...



Anne Bonney

Anne Bonney married a young sailor without a shilling at a very young age. An angry father turned her out of the doors, and Anne and her husband sailed for the island of Providence, in the hope of gaining employment.

Anne Bonney and Calico Jack Rackham

Anne Bonney's affections were soon estranged from her husband by Captain Rackham; and eloping with him, she went to sea in men's clothes.

Anne Bonney a brave female pirate

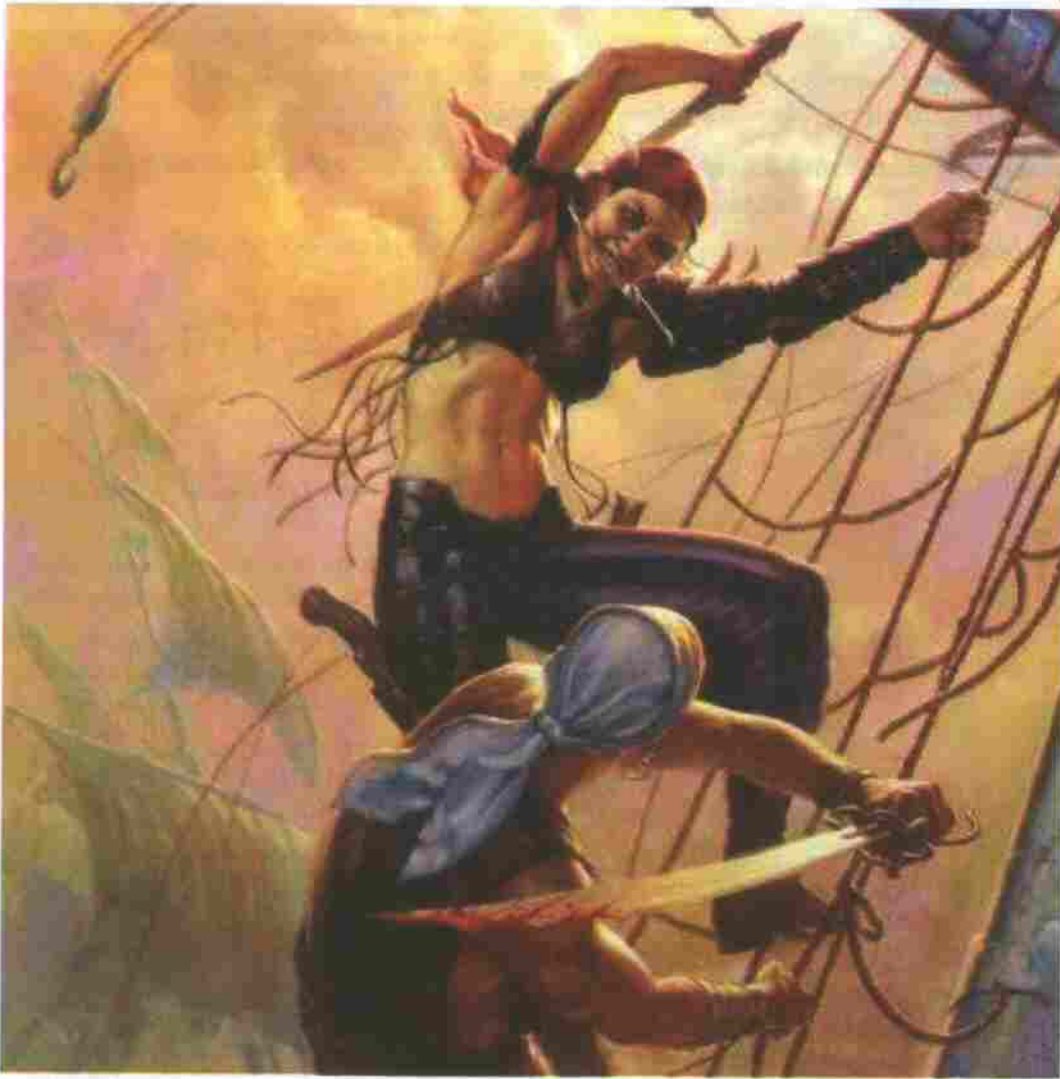
Upon the king's proclamation offering a pardon to all pirates, he surrendered, and went into the privateering business, but he soon embraced an opportunity to return to his favorite employment. Anne Bonney accompanied him in all his piratical exploits and displayed such courage and intrepidity, that she, along with Mary Read and a seaman, were the last three who remained on board when the vessel was taken.

Mary Read

Mary Read's mother had married a sailor when she was very young, who, soon after their marriage,



Illustration of Anne Bonney



Nor was Mary less modest than brave; for though she had remained many years in the character of a sailor, yet no one had discovered her sex, until she was under the necessity of doing so to Anne Bonney. The reason was that Anne, supposing her to be a handsome fellow, became greatly enamored of her, and discovered her sex and wishes to Mary, who was thus constrained to reveal her secret to Anne!

Though there are no records of women pirates in today's date, these two women were known to be the most notorious of all other women pirates...

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Illustration of Mary Read



went to sea, never to return.

After the birth of Mary, she stayed with her husband's mother who was in circumstances, good enough to raise two lives, provided she could make her pass for a boy, and her son's child. But it seemed impossible to impose upon an old experienced mother and she presented Mary in the character of her grandson.

Mary Read – Reared as a Boy

The ingenuity of the mother being successful, she reared the daughter as a boy. But as she grew up, she informed her of the secret of her birth, in order that she might conceal her sex. The grandmother, however, dying, the support from that quarter failed, and she was obliged to hire her out as a footboy to a French lady. The strength and manly disposition of this supposed

boy increased with her age, and leaving that servile employment, she engaged on board a man-of-war.

Mary Read – Joins a Foot and Horse Regiment

She soon enlisted herself into a horse regiment where she behaved so valiantly, that she gained the esteem of all her Officers.

Mary Read falls in love and becomes a bride

It, however, happened, that her comrade was a handsome young Fleming, and she fell passionately in love with him. The violence of her feelings rendered her negligent of her duty, and caused such a change in her behaviour as attracted the attention of all. Both, her comrade and the rest of the regiment deemed her mad.

The comrade was both surprised

and pleased to know that Mary was a woman! A mutual attachment took place, and Mary was provided with women's clothes, followed by their public marriage.

Mary Read becomes a Pirate

Soon after, her husband died and she crossdressed again as a man to a ship taking her to the windies. Scarcely had the ships sailed, when some of their crews mutinied, and ran off with the ships, to pursue their former mode of life. Among them was Mary Read. She indeed, frequently declared, that the life of a pirate was what she detested, and that she was constrained to it both on the former and present occasion.

The Secret of Mary Read is discovered