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Pirates invade Yorktown April 27 & 28

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Pirate groups representing the accurate representation of seafaring life in the late 17th and early 18th centuries will embark upon Riverwalk Landing in Historic Yorktown on the evening of Friday, April 27 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for a fun-filled mix of activities, pirate encampments and demonstrations.

Friday night activities will feature Black Powder Cannon Firing demonstrations and singing with Pirates. Activities will be scattered throughout Riverwalk Landing, but the central gathering point will be on the green area adjacent to the fountain and Riverwalk Restaurant.

Friday evening April 27 (event times may vary)

- 8:30 p.m.: Black Powder Cannon firing
- 9 p.m.: Singing with Pirates

Saturday April 28 (event times may vary)

- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Pirate encampment, demonstrations, and children's activities
- 11:00 a.m.: Mike's Sea Chanteys with the kids
- 11:30 a.m.: Captain Mayhem's Schooner Serenity Pirate Sail
- 1:15 p.m.: Dancing with Pirates
- 2:00 p.m.: Schooner Alliance Sails with Somnium (18th Century-style) Dancers
- 2:00 p.m.: Pirate school
- 3:30 p.m.: Sea chanteys
- 4:30 p.m.: Dancing with pirates
- 5:00 p.m.: Pirate school
- 6:00 p.m.: Schooner Alliance Sunset Cruise, Camp closes

Yorktown's Pirate ship Schooner Serenity will be sailing with Captain Mayhem and crew at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 28. Children in Captain Mayhem's School of Piracy will learn to set the sails, steer the Schooner and fire the cannon. A $5 discount for anyone dressed as a pirate.

Yorktown's 105-foot Tall Ship Schooner Alliance will be sailing on Saturday at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. The 2 p.m. cruise will feature the "Somnium" dancers. All cruises on April 28 are $5 off for anyone dressed as a pirate. For more information on the Schooner Alliance please call 639-1233.

This event is free and open to the public. Free parking is available at the Riverwalk Landing parking terrace, York Hall, and other designated public parking lots throughout town. Guests are encouraged to utilize the free Yorktown Trolley, which operates daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on this event call York County Parks and Recreation at 890-3500 or visit www.visityorktown.org. Event weather hotline: (757) 890-3520. Co-sponsored by the Riverwalk Landing Business Association, York County Arts Commission and York County.

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