



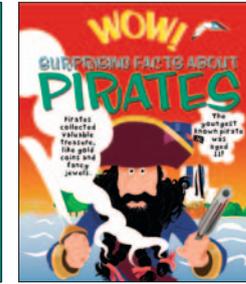
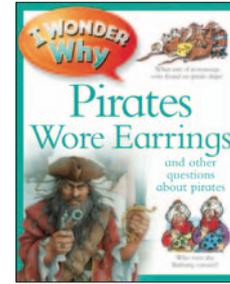
(Clockwise from bottom L) Tote bag from Make. Crystal Head Vodka. Disney's *Jake and the Never Land Pirates* watch and treasure chest by Flik Flak. Pirate Pak meal at White Spot. Nautical decor at Burrard Bridge Marine Bar & Grill

## Arrr, Me Mateys!

No need to walk the plank: landlubbers and salty dogs alike take part in International Talk Like a Pirate Day ([www.talklikeapirate.com](http://www.talklikeapirate.com)), which happens every year on Sep. 19. And there's a treasure trove of pirate-themed fun in Vancouver. Brush up on your facts with *I Wonder Why Pirates Wore Earrings* by Pat Jacobs and *Wow! Surprising Facts About Pirates* by Philip Steele (at local bookstores, page 20). Put your new knowledge to use composing a sonnet or haiku with a Pirate Magnetic Poetry Kit ([www.magneticpoetry.com](http://www.magneticpoetry.com))—though perhaps a ribald sea shanty would be more apropos. Discover all sorts of nautical lore at the Vancouver Maritime Museum (page 69), and if swashbuckling swordplay is more your thing, visit *Academie Duello* (page 69) to learn how to use a rapier, longsword and more.

Look the part in a skull t-shirt by Strellson (at The Bay, page 22), an anchor ring handmade by Vancouver company Lacar (at Cavalier, page 29) and an anchor pendant from Thomas Sabo (page 30). Deck out your abode with an anchor doormat from Kikkerland ([www.kikkerland.com](http://www.kikkerland.com)) and a Jolly Roger from The Flag Shop (page 33). Carry your buccaneer booty home in a tote bag from Make (page 28).

Dress a pint-sized pirate in an adorable shirt made from ultra-soft bamboo/cotton by local company



(Clockwise from above) *Pirate Adventure Dice*. *I Wonder Why Pirates Wore Earrings*. *Wow! Surprising Facts About Pirates*. Anchor pendant from Thomas Sabo. Skull t-shirt by Strellson. Pirate Magnetic Poetry Kit. Pirate shirt by Pineapple Pete Kids. Anchor ring by Lacar

Pineapple Pete Kids ([www.pineapplepete.ca](http://www.pineapplepete.ca)) and a Disney's *Jake and the Never Land Pirates* watch by Flik Flak (at Swatch The Store, page 30). Then keep the rapsallions and scallywags busy with *Pirate Adventure Dice* (at [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca)), a sailing trip around False Creek with *Pirate Adventures* (page 69) or a visit to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery (page 68), which on Sep. 19 features a pirate-themed scavenger hunt with the grand prize of a chocolate treasure chest. Also popular with the 10-and-under crowd is a Pirate Pak meal from White Spot (page 80), served in a cardboard boat.

Pillaging and plundering are hard work, so bring your appetite to the Burrard Bridge Marine Bar & Grill (page 86). Known as Vancouver's pirate pub, this charming eatery goes overboard for International Talk Like a Pirate Day, with themed contests, drink specials, swag, trivia and a photo booth, plus a prize for the best-dressed pirate.

Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum! If no grog is handy to wash down your rations, try some Crystal Head Vodka. Manufactured in Canada, this additive-free spirit was created by actor Dan Aykroyd and artist John Alexander, who designed the distinctive skull bottle (at local liquor stores, page 32).

Shiver me timbers, if only this day came around more than once a year! —*Sheri Radford*



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