



*2011 National Walk the Plank  
Championships*

*Official Entry Form*

# Overview

## JUDGING GUIDELINES

Following are the categories and notes relating to how they are scored:

1. Costume: How appropriate is the costume to plankwalking. While period attire is appreciated, contestants are encouraged to use their imagination to come up with an ensemble that impresses the judges and perhaps persuades them to be lenient in their scoring in this area.
2. Style: Points are awarded for how well the individual conducts themselves on their way to their seeming “watery grave.” Criteria covers plank approach, bravado, arrogance, guile, bribery, form on the plank and poise before the plunge.
3. Plea: Extra points for a marked amount of theater here. Groveling, cries for mercy, pleas of innocence, invocations, curses – all are eligible for Plea Points.
4. Splash: Finally, the judges want to hear a resounding splash upon entering the water. Sissy splashes are discouraged as are dives warranting an Olympic Medal. Maximum points for belly and butt flops.

Judges will score during the event at each juncture using score cards. The judges shall then enter their score on the contestant's sheet. All scores shall be added up. The most a contestant could conceivably get in the contest is 120 points, (4 categories/three judges) a perfect score. The most anyone can get in a single category above is 30 points.

Each contestant shall be judged in a similar fashion. At the end of the contest, all scores shall be added up. Judges are encouraged to write comments that will be read at the awards ceremony

The winner with the highest score is awarded the National Walk the Plank Championship.

There are three places in the contest, First, Second and Third. In the case of a tie, Style will be the determinant and the contestant with the highest Style score shall be awarded the place.

The tally containing the top three winners and the other finishers in order shall be turned over to the head judge for presentation and awarding of the prizes.

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Pirate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Real Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why we should consider you worthy of being sent to Davy Jones' locker?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Charges you are to be brought up on?

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please send us a recent photo of you in costume. It can be emailed to [hurricane@piratesofthecoast.com](mailto:hurricane@piratesofthecoast.com).

Swimming Ability:    Strong    Pretty Good    Good    Fair    Poor    Can't Swim

I have read the Liability Waiver and have signed it:    Yes    No

(Be sure to bring it with you to the event)

NOTE: Please do not be under the influence of any substance, including alcohol or drugs or you may be denied the chance to compete. This is for your safety as well as the safety of our dive and competition management teams. The decision regarding this will be made prior to your performance on the plank and the decision of the competition staff is final.

# WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I, \_\_\_\_\_, for and in consideration of my willing participation in the 2011 National Walk the Plank Championships, do hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless the Pirates in Paradise Festival, The Pyrates of the Coast, CommuniCreations and the Schooner WOLF, its representatives, sponsors, assigns, employees or any person or persons, corporation or corporations, for whom Pirates in Paradise and the Schooner WOLF may be acting, in whole or part, from and against any liability for any personal or property damage, personal injury, disability, dismemberment, death or other act, caused through my own neglect, actions and/or decisions.

Further, I acknowledge that I am in no way employed by the Pirates in Paradise Festival and am appearing at the festival as an independent contractor/individual entity. As such, I accept full responsibility for my actions and acts during the Walk the Plank Championships and hold Pirates in Paradise harmless from any personal liability I may incur as a result of my actions.

I understand that the event carries certain risks associated with it. In the unlikely event of personal injury, disability or death, either to myself or to members of the public, I hereby agree to hold the Pirates in Paradise Festival and event sponsors harmless.

I hereby assign that I have been apprised of the dangers inherent in this event and participate of my own free will. I have not been compensated for this appearance.

I hereby warrant that I am capable of swimming/treading water for a reasonable period of time.

I will follow the directions of the event managers and the safety officers, including the removal of any articles that could endanger others.

I hereby warrant that I am competent to contract in my own name in so far as the above is concerned and agree to these conditions.

I have read the foregoing release, authorization and agreement, before affixing my signature below, and warrant that I fully understand the contents thereof.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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SIGNATURE

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NAME (Please Print)