

Attack!



Jolly Roger

Pirates tried to surprise their enemies.

The normal pirate flag was the Jolly Roger, but pirates often flew a false flag. When they sailed close to an enemy ship, pirates would show their pirate flag. This surprised the enemy crew who often **surrendered**.

To attack, the pirates threw ropes with hooks at the enemy ship. The hooks caught in the ship's **rigging**. The pirates climbed along the ropes to fight.



In 1720, Black Bart sailed into a harbour. All his pirate flags were showing. The crews of 22 ships in the harbour quickly surrendered!



Pirates fought with these weapons.



cutlass



pistol



musket



dagger



spear



cannon