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Rulebook

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3-6 Players | Ages 10+ | 45-90 Minutes

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Our motley crew of cutthroats and scallywags have returned to our ship,
The Unsinkable II, with a mighty bounty-a chest overflowin' with gems like never y'seen.
Now for the perilous voyage home. First we must sail across the
Deep Sea, guarded by the legendary Kraken. Then we'll sneak through the hunting grounds of
the massive Megalodon shark. From there, we must navigate through the
Rocky Passing, home to the dastardly Sirens. Finally, the tradewinds will take us to Skull Cove, resting place of the cursed

Skullsairs. Take heart, mateys! We'll be back to port in no time! After all, the journey home is the easy

## CRRRRRRRAAACK! ! !

Errr, what was that?
AVAST ME HEARTIES, WERRE SINKINGH!


## Set-up

## A game board

Unfold and place the Game Board toward the top center of your play area Be sure to have plenty of space below the Game Board. This space is reserved for columns where players will place cards, action dials, dice, tokens, and more during gameplay.


## PLAYer Set-up

1). Pass each player a Player Aid card
2). Each player chooses a Character Sheet and places it in front of them. 3). Each player takes the Action Dial that matches their character's color/icon 4). Return all unused Character Sheets and Action Dials to the box

## G CREATE STARTING HANDS

1). Each player adds the Character Item to their hand that is referenced on their
character's sheet. The character items are identified with matching colors and icons. 2). Each player is dealt 3 Clear Water cards to their hand.

## ASSEMBLE TREASURE

Shuffle together all Gem, Basic Item, unused Character Item, and matching Enemy Item cards.
H 2). Deal 2 Treasure cards face-up into the Treasure Column.

## ASSEMBLE WATER DECK $\approx+?$

1). From the remaining Clear Water cards, remove

the following amount based on your player count: | Players | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Remove | 15 | 10 | 5 | 0 |

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Shuffle together the assembled Treasure cards and remaining Clear Water cards.
3). Place the Water Deck face-down in its space on the Game Board.

J 4). Deal 1 face-down card from the Water Deck into the Water Column

## ASSEMBLE BREACH DECK

1). Look at the bottom center of each Breach card for the player count icon ( $\boldsymbol{O}$ ) and remove any cards that do not contain your player count in them. Breach card without the player count icon are in every game.
K 2). Deal 1 Minor Breach face-up into the Breaches Column
3). Shuffle the remaining Breach cards to create the Breach Deck

L 4). Place the Breach Deck face-down in its place on the Game Board

## M PERMANENT bREACHES

Place all Permanent Breach tokens to the right of the Breach Deck

## assemble cannons

N 1). Place 1 Single-Shot card and a Single-Shot die in the Cannons Column.
0 2). Place 1 Busted Double-Shot card and 1 Busted Single-Shot card with a
matching Double-Shot die and Single-Shot die in the Breaches Column
P 3). Place the remaining cannon cards and dice above the Game Board for easy access later.
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Conocrranhay Ifye want to live a life on the sea, ye best learn the common tongue! Ye may also refer to your trusty Player Aid card.

## STARTING A ROUND

A round consists of steps that must be followed in the order they are presented on the Duties Checklist. The First Mate reads the
 for players to proceed through the round.

## INSPEOT PHASE

## STEP 1). CHECK FOR BREACHES

The First Mate checks the Breaches Column for breach cards and Permanent Breach Tokens. For each Water icon ( $\theta$ ) found in the Breaches Column, they will deal that many ace-down cards to the Water Column from the Water Deck


## STEP 2). CHECK WATER THRESHOLD

The First Mate looks at the Threshold Sheet on the left side of the Game Board and finds the number on the arrow icon. This number is the Water Threshold. The First Mate will compare the Water Threshold with the total number of card urrently in the Water Column. One of two outcomes may occur:
a). The number of cards is less than the Water Threshold: Continue on to the Threat Phase
b). The number of cards is equal to or higher than the Water Threshold: Hip the first Mate Scroli over to the "Sinking Procedures" side. Then follow each step to reset the game state. (Refer to Page 16 for Sinking Procedures.)

CEAR WATER: Clear Water Cards weigh you down At the start of the game, each player has 3 Clear Water Cards in their hand it CLEAR WATER: Clear Water Cards weigh you down. At the start of the game, each player has 3 Clear Water Cards in their hand.

ISCARD: When any Treasure or Clear Water card is discarded, it must be discarded face-down to the Discard Pile in the center of the Game Board. Breach Cards are discarded face-down to the bottom of the Breach Deck.

THREAT PHASE
STEP 3). DEAL OUT WATER ( $\equiv$ ) AND TREASURE ( $\mathbf{8}$ ) CARDS

## deal out water

Refer to the Threshold Sheet to determine how many cards to place out. Deal cards from the top of the Water Deck and place each card face-down into the Water Column in a staggered vertical line. (Players should be able to quickly and easily tell how many cards are in this column.)


# DEAL OUT TREASURE 

Follow the Threshold Sheet to determine how many treasure cards to deal out. Deal out cards from the top of the Water Deck one at a time. If the card is a Treasure card-marked with a treasure icon ( $\mathbf{\Omega}$ ) in the top left corner-deal it face-up to the Treasure Column. If it is a Clear Water card, deal it face-up to the Water Column.

Continue dealing cards until you have dealt out treasure cards equal to the equirement on the Threshold Sheet. Previous cards already in the Treasure Column do not count towards this requirement


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## STEP 4). ROLL AND RESOLVE ENEMY DICE

## OLL ENEMY DIC

Take all the active Basic Attack Dice and Special Attack Dice and roll them together. The results will determine what perils the crew will Take all the active
face this round.
 resolved first if rolled, followed by the lower one. After that, Basic Attacks can be resolved in any order.


## SPECIAL ATTACK DICE

These dice have special attacks unique to each enemy as well as basic attacks. Refer to he "Attacks" section on each Enemy sheet to


## BASIC ATTACK DICE

Each game will start with a specified amount of Basic Attack Dice, listed on the back of each Enemy Sheet. These basic following the icons below.

## BASIC ATTACKS

こ WE'RE TAKING ON WATER:
Deal a card face-down from the Water Deck to the Water Column.

## NE'VE SPRUNG A LEAK!

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CANNON DOWN
Flip the top/oldest cannon card in the Cannons Column to its "Busted" side and move it, along with its matching cannon die, to the Breaches Column

## "Active" Enemy Dice

The "Set-Up" section of the Enemy Sheet determines the number of Active Dice the enemies start with. As the ene Y takes damage and players move he Enemy
 Sheet's "Damage" section to know how many Basic Attack Dice to add or subtract from the total active dice.

Enemy gains a Basic Attack Die

Enemy loses a Basic Attack Die
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## discuss actions

The First Mate starts a discussion on which actions players will take. This is an opportunity for each playe
o collaborate with or deceive their fellow pirates!
layers can use this time to communicate plans and/or intentions. Players are free to question each
other, however players do not have to be honest abo
any discussed information, except their hand size.

declare actions
Starting with the First Mate and moving clockwise, each player will declare one of the following actions on their Action Dial (©)
Bucket Water ( $\boldsymbol{N}^{-}$), Plunder Treasure ( $\boldsymbol{*}^{\prime \prime}$ ), Patch Breaches ( $\boldsymbol{*}$ ), or Fire Cannons (

To declare an action, players secretly pick 1 of the 4 action icons with their Action Dial and place it face-down at the very bottom of a column.

The secret action does not need to match the column it's placed in This is an old pirate trick known as "lying."

You cannot place an Action Dial in an empty column, or if the column only has Permanent Breach Tokens.


## STEP 6). REVEAL AND RESOLVE ACTION

Once all players have declared their actions, the First Mate will ask players to reveal their Action Dials. After discovering who told the truth and who lied, players will resolve their dials.

## REVEAL ACTIONS

Simultaneously flip over and reveal all Action Dials
(A)) without rotating them or changing their column location.

Then search for liars. Check each column, starting with the leftmost Water Column ( $\equiv$ ) to the rightmost Cannons Column (夭゙) top to bottom for revealed Action Dials that do not match the column action. Move these dials one at a time and place them in the bottom of their matching column.

## Example

Searching for liars left to right and top to bottom, you will find that the Red player ( 1 lied about patching and revealed a Plunder action. Red's Action be first to resolve in that column. The Grey player (2) also lied and will be
placed below Reds dial, indicating they will resolve second


## Resolve actions continued

Each of the four actions on your Action Dial provides unique opportunities to pursue your goals and manipulate the cards in your hand. Depending on whether you think the enemy will be defeated or the ship will sink, you will want to choose your actions
accordingly. Remember, actions are resolved one column at a time, from the leftmost to rightmost column, from top to bottom.

BUCKET
Draw any 1 card from the Water Column ( $\cong$ ), then Discard 1 card from your hand.
If You Are The Last (or Only) Player to Perform a Bucket Action: Draw any 2 cards from the Water Column, then Discard 2 cards from your hand.



PLUNDER
If 1 Player Plunders: that player takes all the cards in the Treasure Column ( 8 ) into their hand.
If Multiple Players Plunder: Those players equally take as many cards in the Treasure Column as possible. They will take 1 card at a time in order of Action Dials and continue to do so until an cards left behind stay in the Treasure Column for the iext round

If More Players Plunder Than There Are Cards: All cards in the Treasure Column are immediately discarded.

Arghl The treasure washed overboard WhiIL We ALl fought for the loot!

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## PATCH

Draw a card from the Water Deck or Discard a card from your hand
Then, use your hammer ( ) in the Breaches Column (*) to do one of the following:

- Patch A Breach: Place a breach card in the Breaches Column face-down at the bottom of the Breach Deck. Some breach cards require multiple hammers to remove. You may ask other players to use their hammers toward a larger breach to patch it but they must agree. Hammers cannot be saved between rounds.


Patch A Cannon: Flip a "Busted" cannon card over and place it at the bottom of the Cannons Column along with its associated cannon die,
(For more on Cannons, refer to Page 19.)
Bust Open A Chest: Take a Chest Token in the Breaches Column, and place it in your play area. You may keep it hidden from other players.
(For Chest Tokens and how to use them, refer to Page 19.)


FIRE
Roll all the cannon dice in the Cannons Column (ジ). For each die 1 space to the Eight.
Shoot Ye Treasure: After rolling a blank, you may activate that cannon's ability by discarding 1 treasure ( $\mathbf{\Omega}$ ) card to re-roll its cannon die. You can only activate each cannon card once per round.
(To learn more on Cannon cards and dice refer to Page 19.)


STEP 7). CHECK HAND SIZE
Players check their hand size:

- If you are below 2 cards, you must draw cards from the Water Deck until you have 2 cards.

D If you are over 10 cards, you must randomly discard cards until you have 10 cards.

## STEP 8). PASS FIRST MATE TO THE LEFT

Pass the First Mate Scroll clockwise to the next player and begin a new round. They will begin the next round as the new First Mate/First Player and follow the Duties Checklist starting at Step 1


## Sinking Procedures



During Step 2 of the Inspect Phase, if the number of cards in the Water Column is equal to or higher than the Water Threshold, the First Mate flips over the First Mate Scroll, then follows and resolves the steps for sinking procedures.

STEP 1). Remove the lowest section of the ship from the game and take out its two Chest Tokens (without revealing them)
STEP 2). Place the Chest Tokens face-down at the bottom of the Breaches Column.
STEP 3). Move the Threshold Sheet to the next level by either rotating or flipping it to its other side. Then tuck half of the sheet back under the Game Board so that only the current level shows and faces the same direction as the Game Board.

STEP 4). Shuffle all cards in the Water Deck, Discard Pile, and the Water and Treasure Columns to create a new Water Deck.
STEP 5). If there are any Breach cards in the Breaches Column, discard all Breach cards and gain 1 Permanent Breach Token. Add the Permanent Breach Token to the top of the Breaches Column. It cannot be patched or removed.
STEP 6). Flip over the First Mate Scroll and continue the round on Step 3 of the Duties Checklist

End of GaMe Don't get too caught up in being a team player. You are greedy pirates after all. Therefore, there can only be one victor!

## GAMEPLAY CONTINUES UNTIL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING END-GAME CONDITIONS IS MET:



## THE ENEMY IS DEFEATED

When the Damage Tracker is moved to the last space on the Enemy's Damage Track, no more actions or cards can be played. The game immediately ends.

## CHECK HAND SIZE

All players follow Step 7 of the Duties Checklis.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { SCORING } \\
& \text { All players reveal their hands and add the Point Value of } \\
& \text { Treasure Cards and any Chest Token points to determine their } \\
& \text { total Point Value. } \\
& \text { WINNER } \\
& \text { The player with the highest total Point Value wins! } \\
& \text { TIE BREAKER } \\
& \text { If there is a tie for winner, the tied player with the fewest cards } \\
& \text { wins! If there is still a tie, the tied players share the victory. }
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## THE SHIP SINKS

If the 4th and final ship section is removed during Step 2 of the Threat Phase, no more actions or cards can be played. The game immediately ends

CHECK HAND SIZE
All players follow Step 7 of the Duties Checklist.

## sCORING

All players reveal their hands and add up the number of cards they each have.

WINNER
The player with the fewest cards wins!

## TIE BREAKER

there is a tie for winner, the tied players add the Point Value of Treasure Cards and any Chest Token points to determine their total Point Value. The tied player with the highest total Point Value wins! If there is still a tie, the tied players share the victory

## Treasure

## TREASURE CARDS

Treasure cards have a Treasure icon ( $\mathbf{\Omega}$ ) in the top left corner of the card. Treasure cards are made up of two types; Gems and Items.
GEMS
Gems hold a specific value of points depending on the type of gems. The card count icon (1) symbolizes how many of a gem type there are in the game.
ITEMS
Items (including Character and Enemy Items) are Treasure Cards with abilities players can use during gameplay. Some Items have a Point Value ( $O$ ). This means they add to your hand's total Point Value at the end of the game
Activating Item Abilities
Most items require a condition to be met in order to use their ability. The condition is marked by a bold font that ends with a colon (: When the condition is met you may immediately reveal the card and resolve its ability. Then discard it face-down to the Discard Pile You may use multiple items per round, as long as they have different conditions, (ie: Reveal, Resolve, Declare, etc.). Some items, such as
"Water Flask" or "Treasure Map" work passively in your hand without requiring conditions to be activated.


Treasure Card Anatomy
A). This icon tells you what column it belongs in
B). The card's name
C). Card type (Item, Gem, etc.)
D). A quick and easy visual identifier when cards are stack
E). The Point Value of the card
F). Ability Condition: Must be met during a round in order to play and resolve the ability.
G). Ability: What will be resolved when the card is played H). The card's illustration
). Card Count: When a card has no card count icon, that means there is only one copy in the game
J). Refer to these Character and Enemy icons during setup.


Chest Tokens you've claimed can be played at any time unless their ability states otherwise below.


Order of Patching and (B) (D) Upgrade Progression Busting Cannons When patching a cannon, he card is added to the Column. When a cannon busted, flip and move the busted, flip and move the in the Cannons Column to the Breaches Column.


Certain Items and Chest Tokens allow you to upgrade your cannons. When upgrading a cannon, swap out both the cannon card and its matching die with the next highest cannon type, as shown below.



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