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Buccaneers, bed races, and boatloads of fun at Palmyra Pirate Weekend

Palmyra, NY – July 28, 2010 The Pirates of the Erie Canal invade the Village and Port of Palmyra, New York during the fourth annual Palmyra Pirate Weekend, August 6, 7 and 8, 2010, bearing a boatload of family-friendly fun for all ages. Bed races, a Pirate Kazoo Band Parade, a window painting contest, a visit by a vessels of the Wayne County Sheriffs' Department and Canal Corporation, a children's treasure hunt, sidewalk sales, canal trail tours and Historic Palmyra museum tours are just a few of the exciting events featured in this year's celebration of Palmyra's canal connection.


The Pillage 'N the Village Bed Race Regatta returns, streaking straight through the heart of the historic Main Street business district. Five-person pirate crews will compete head-to-head against other speedy scallywags and scoundrels for a cash prize and other awards. Pirates of all rank are welcome to enlist, with local service, community organizations, and businesses expected to round out the racing field. Race applications, information, and complete racing bed specifications are available online now at www.eriecanalpirates.com.

The Pirate Kazoo Band and Parade also returns to the streets immediately preceding all the bed race action. An official engraved Pirates of the Erie Canal Kazoo with lanyard, available for purchase at Palmyra events prior to Pirate Weekend and at the Palmyra Village Hall, is the ticket to join the fun. Bed racers will be pressed into parade service as they are escorted--and serenaded--up Main Street towards the Pillage 'N the Village starting line.

If your inner pirate is more Michelangelo than Michael Waltrip, grab your paints and brushes and enter the Pirate Window Painting Contest. The storefront windows of Palmyra's merchants will become the canvas on Saturday, July 31 and remain a one-of-a-kind public art gallery for the week leading up to and including Pirate Weekend. Cash prizes and a Best-in-Show Grand Champion Trophy will be awarded in a special ceremony on Saturday, August 7. Again, complete contest details are available online now.

New activities for 2010 include the Corsair Climbing Wall, the Human Hamster Ball and PiratePalooza, an all-ages street dance where buccaneers can shake their bootys to the latest beats!

Other highlights of Palmyra Pirate Weekend 2010 include:

-  L.L. Bean presents a Free Movie in the Park – *The Goonies* (1985, PG), Friday, Aug. 6, with special musical guest *The Harper and the Minstrel*, 7pm in the Palmyra Village Park

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- ☠ Palmyra Pirates' Bazaar at the Marina and Main Street Merchants' Sidewalk Sale, Saturday, Aug. 7 and Sunday, Aug. 8
- ☠ Erie Canal boat rides at the Port of Palmyra Marina
- ☠ Wine Tasting & Palmyra Farmers' Market, Saturday, Aug. 7 and Sunday, Aug. 8 at the Marina
- ☠ Music by: Towpath Volunteers Fife & Drums and more
- ☠ Lock 29 Fantastic Pirate Costume Party, Saturday, Aug. 7, 9 PM, 222 E. Main Street
- ☠ Pirate Puppy Parade and Captain Kid's Games, featuring stories, pirate games, activities, and booty for all, Sunday, Aug. 8
- ☠ Rum tasting, music and food, including turkey drumsticks at the Palmyra American Legion Post
- ☠ And much, much more!

About Palmyra Pirate Weekend. Palmyra Pirate Weekend is a family-friendly, experiential festival intended to showcase Palmyra, New York, the Queen of Canal Towns. The visit of the *Lois McClure* to the Port of Palmyra Marina in August, 2007 was the first wind in the sails for Palmyra Pirate Weekend, yet this grassroots event has grown by the hard work of some creative and talented people who have long recognized Palmyra as the perfect place to live, work, and play. And we're pretty sure we're the only Pirate Festival on the Erie Canal!

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