

*COMMODORE 128*

# SHiPS!

*INSTRUCTION MANUAL*



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# ***LOADING***

INSERT THE PROGRAM INTO YOUR *C128/EMULATOR* .

TYPE *LOAD "\*" , 8, 1* AND WHEN FINISHED TYPE *RUN* .



# ***THE GAME***

AS THE BOLD AND FEARLESS CAPTAIN OF THE PIRATE SHIP **DRUNKEN PLUNDERER**, YOUR SINGLE TASK IS TO ACCUMULATE THE RANKS AND WEALTH ONE CAN HOLD.

STARTING IN **1600**, YOU **HAVE 5 YEARS** TO CONQUER THE HEART OF THREE NATIONS: THE FRENCH, THE ENGLISH AND THE SPANISH.

YOU ARE STATIONED AT THE BEAUTIFUL ISLAND OF CURACAO. THE BUSTLING TRADING PORT IS FULL OF MERCHANT SHIPS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. IT IS A SMALL PLACE OF TRANQUILITY IN THE CARIBBEANS - WELL, AS LONG AS PIRATES ARE AWAY.

THESE MERCHANT SHIPS ARE NOT EQUIPPED WITH WEAPONRY, THEREFORE EASY PREY FOR PIRATES. YOU ONLY HAVE TO AVOID THE ROCKS IN THE SHALLOW WATER, AND AVOID COLLISION WITH THE OTHER SHIPS



# ***CONTROLS***

## **NAVIGATION**

- A** *steer left*
- D** *steer right*
- W** *start ship / increase speed*
- S** *stop ship / decrease speed*

## **WEAPONS**

- Q** *fire guns on the left side*
- E** *fire guns on the right side*

## **RANKS / UPGRADES**

- 1** *earn French ranks & improve revenue from other titles*
- 2** *earn English ranks & improve gun shooting distance*
- 3** *earn Spanish ranks & increase treasure plundered*



# ***NAVIGATION***

*DURING THE YEAR, YOU CAN PLUNDER AS MANY SHIPS AS YOU CAN.*

*A DEFEATED SHIP IS MARKED WITH A COIN, WHICH YOUR SHIP CAN COLLECT. AS YOU PASS THROUGH THE REMAINS OF THE SHIP, YOUR CREW TRIES TO COLLECT EVERYTHING THEY CAN. HOWEVER PLUNDERING A SINKING SHIP IS NOT AN EASY TASK, YOUR CREW MAY NOT SUCCEED FOR THE FIRST TIME.*

*THERE ARE SOME REEFS IN THE AREA, BE CAREFUL AS A HIT MAY SINK YOUR SHIP!*



# *INTERFACE*



DATE

LIVES  
CURRENT GOLD  
ANNUAL INCOME

FRENCH / TITLES  
KEY '1'  
GOLD NEEDED FOR UPGRADE  
CURRENT LEVEL



# *END OF YEAR*

AT THE END OF EACH YEAR, YOUR CREW RETURNS TO THE PORT TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR AND HIT THE BAR TO SPEND THE PLUNDER.

YOU RECEIVE THE RETURNS FROM YOUR LAND/TITLES, AND LEAVE THE DOCKS.

YOU MAY NOTICE SOME CHANGES - BE CAREFUL, THERE MAY BE NEW ROCKS IN THE SEA!



# ***RANKS / TITLES***

*YOU START WITHOUT ANY RANKS.*

*THERE ARE 5 RANKS YOU CAN REACH:*

- *SUB-LIEUTENANT*
- *LIEUTENANT*
- *COMMANDER*
- *CAPTAIN*
- *ADMIRAL.*

*WITH EACH RANK YOU RECEIVE A FEW ACRES OF LAND, WHICH MAY PROVIDE SOME FIXED INCOME. YOU RECIEVE YOUR RETURNS IN EVERY JANUARY.*

*EVERY RANK OF THE THREE NATIONS HAVE DIFFERENT ADDITIONAL BONUSES.*

*THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS TO INCREASE RANKS:*

- *SINKING THE SHIP OF ONE NATION IS ALWAYS RESPECTED BY THE OTHER TWO AND THE PRICE OF BEING PROMOTED REDUCES.*
- *YOU CAN ALWAYS PROVIDE GIFTS TO THE LOCAL BUREAUCRACY.*

## ***FRENCH (WHITE) RANKS – REVENUE FROM TITLES***

*SERVING THE FRENCH CROWN IMPROVES YOUR DIPLOMATIC SKILLS.*

*IT AIDS YOU IN INCREASING YOUR REVENUE YOU RECEIVE FROM YOUR RANKS AND LAND EVERY YEAR.*

## ***ENGLISH (RED) RANKS - THE MASTER OF WEAPONS***

*AS A LOYAL SERVANT OF THE ROYAL NAVY, YOU RECEIVE THE FINEST WEAPONRY OF YOUR AGE.*

*YOUR GUNS REACH CLOSER TO THE HORIZON WITH EVERY RANK YOU RECEIVE.*

## **SPANISH (CYAN) RANKS – IMPROVED TREASURE RECOVERY**

AS THE SPANISH CAPTAIN PROTECTING THE TREASURE FLEET, YOU ARE LEARNING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE ABOUT HIDING AND FINDING TREASURE.

WITH EACH RANK YOU WILL RETRIEVE MORE OF THE GOODS AND GOLDEN COINS FROM THE SINKING SHIPS.



# ***FINAL SCORE***

YOU WILL RECIEVE YOUR FINAL SCORE WHEN YOU RETIRE OR DIE.

YOU DIE WHEN YOU RUN OUT OF YOUR LIVES. YOU WON'T BE ABLE ENJOY YOUR ACCUMULATED WEALTH, BUT YOUR FAMILY WILL.

IF THE 5 YEARS PASSES, YOU RETIRE FROM YOUR IMPORTANT DUTIES IN THE NAVY/NAVIES. THE HEALTH YOU KEPT HELPS YOU INCREASE YOUR WEALTH FURTHER FOR 5 MORE YEARS.

YOUR FINAL SCORE IS DETERMINED BY:

- YOUR ACTUAL WEALTH PLUS
- YOUR FINAL ANNUAL INCOME MULTIPLIED BY 5.

# **SHIPS!**

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