

'Pirates Of The Curry Bean'

Cast List

The script is written for 38 speaking characters and 6 non-speaking characters, as listed below. These range from principal parts to small supporting roles. For productions with fewer cast members, condensing and doubling of characters is possible. This can be done in numerous ways, but the following example reduces the cast number to 24 speaking parts and 2 non-speaking parts:

- Remove Fluke, Gooseneck, Gibbet & Grog (reallocating lines) to leave just 4 sailors.
- Remove Bilge, Bilboe, Bullyrag & Barnacles (reallocating lines) to leave just 4 pirates.
- Remove Ping, Waff, Tick, Tack & Toe (reallocating lines) to leave just 2 natives.
- Reduce the rats & monkeys from 6 to 2.
- Double up Deadeye Dinghy & Stanley Periwinkle.

To expand the cast, unlimited chorus parts may be used as additional pirates, sailors, natives, rats & monkeys, possibly redistributing some lines. An off-stage choir can also be used for backing on songs. Squawk was written as a large parrot puppet worked and voiced in a traditional squeaky manner by a performer in pirate costume, holding the puppet on Redbeard's shoulder. The large gorilla is best played by an adult during its very brief appearance, but of course can be played by a larger child if so desired. The role of Hornhonker works best when played as an over-excited spoilt child - but no typecasting!

The Narrator

Deadeye Dinghy
The Periwinkle Family
*Pearl Periwinkle
*Jack Periwinkle
*Liza Periwinkle
Stanley Periwinkle/Chief Wonga
Fiddlesticks the Cat

The Crew of HMS The Crunchy Frog

*Captain Cod
Admiral Horatio Hornhonker
Scuttle
Slack
Mr. Wally
Mr. Pratt
Lookout Lofty
Cutthroat Clegg
Fathom
Fender
Fluke
Gooseneck
Gibbet
Grog

The Crew of The Curry Bean

*Captain Redbeard
Loopy Louie
Squawk the Parrot
Baggywrinkle
Broadside
Bunghole
Blunderbuss
Barnacles
Bullyrag
Bilboe
Bilge

The Natives of Lumbago

Ping
Pong
Wiff
Waff

Tick / Seller 1
Tack / Seller 2
Toe / Seller 3

Ship Rats & Lumbago Monkeys

Rocky Rat / Mickey Monkey
Ronnie Rat / Monty Monkey
Robbie Rat / Matty Monkey
Roddy Rat / Macy Monkey
Reggie Rat / Macky Monkey
Rickie Rat / Minty Monkey

(* denotes singing solo)

Props

- fish wares x3
- brooms x2
- tablecloth
- crate of stock for Pearl & Deadeye
- treasure map
- various tankards
- large bag/sack
- tights for pirates' heads
- large dynamite or bomb
- saw for Cutthroat Clegg
- business card for Wally & Pratt
- wheelbarrow
- shilling coin
- clipboards x2
- pair of scales
- knitting needles
- tin of baked beans
- mops for sailors
- small model ships x2
- telescope x2
- union flag
- skull and crossbones flag
- string of signal flags
- large pair of knickers
- hilt of a broken sword
- long chain with oversized plug
- piece of paper with a black spot
- large fish
- bananas x2
- spade
- treasure chest
- spears x4
- limbo pole
- Hawaiian lei
- Swaggersword's pirate hat
- bunch of keys
- medallions x2