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WORLD RECORD SET IN U.S. FOR MOST PIRATES



GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ (GuinnessBook.com) of London, England, officially recognizes Portland, Oregon (U.S.A.) event the “**Portland Pirate Festival**” (PortlandPirateFestival.com) as the new **WORLD RECORD** holder for “**THE LARGEST GATHERING of PIRATES**” (Guinness Claim # 265930). The new record of **1670 individuals** was set on Sunday, September 20, 2009 to replace the short standing record held by the British of 1467 in May of 2009. The initial Portland count at the event was 1651 and then later confirmed by signature count to be 1670.



It all took place in the shadow of the historic St. Johns Bridge in **Portland, Oregon's Cathedral Park** (PortlandParks.org) on a beautiful September afternoon as thousands of people of all ages gathered on the banks of the Willamette River to participate in and watch this remarkable event. Each participant was required to meet the specific criteria as set forth by Guinness and the Portland Pirate Festival was required to submit a shipload of evidence to document the attempt. The event lasted for approximately 2 and ½ hours.

All participants were required to wear an **eye patch, pirate style head-gear** (hat or bandana), **sword** and **appropriate pirate apparel, sign the official Log Book** (under 16 required adult release) and be gathered for the **sign-in plus an “official 15 minutes”**.

Portland Pirate Festival was required to create a **defined space** for the event, Provide **2 independent witnesses** of prominence in the local community, provide more than a dozen **stewards** to monitor each step of the process, **document the event** with high quality photographs & video and send all documentation plus a **summary clip** to Guinness in London, England.

Video footage of the actual submission to Guinness can be found by going to www.PortlandPirateFestival.com . The Portland Pirate Festival would like to thank **Dark Wing Productions LLC** (DarkWingProductions.com) - the sponsors of the attempt that organized the capturing and editing of the video and press release distributors. Video credits and PPF producer's television interviews can be found at www.PiratesAndBuccaneers.com.

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