

100 Dockside Events

Down at the docks the mundane and the exotic mingle. Mysterious cargoes from far-off lands come to ground, sorcerous tax collectors argue with one-eyed ship captains, and adventurers haggle over passage into danger. Because the docks stand as the border between one world and another—the sea and the land, the beginning of things and their endings—they are a place where anything might happen. So pry open a crate of intrigue, expect the unexpected, and let an old salt show you a little adventure!

Roll d% and find the result below or simply choose one from the list.

- | d% | Result |
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| 01 | A ship accidentally unmoors, causing a mysterious scroll to fall from its furled mast. |
| 02 | Sailors tell of a local fisherman who speaks with fish and refuses to hunt them any longer. |
| 03 | Citizens smash sacred eels against the front doors of their dockside shanties to prevent marine ghouls from returning. |
| 04 | At the docks, a beggar belittles only those who give him a handout. |
| 05 | The lapping waves go suddenly, eerily silent. |
| 06 | Lightning strikes a ship and it sets sail on its own. |
| 07 | The dream self of a sleeping sailor disembodies and swims through the air. It does not seem to recognize its whereabouts, but nearby crewmates recognize the eidolon. |
| 08 | A fisherman unloads his catch, including an amphibious humanoid. |
| 09 | Cutthroats lead shackled foreigners from the holds of their ships to the slave market. |
| 10 | Everyone dockside hears a drowning man's telepathic death scream. |
| 11 | A vengeful wizard vaporizes a boat as it leaves the harbor. |
| 12 | Two shrieking sailors run past, flickering in and out of existence. |
| 13 | A fisherman on a pier stoops to pick up a golden hook and is yanked out into the water. |
| 14 | A panicked juggler insists that if he stops juggling crabs, one of them will explode. |
| 15 | A ship believed lost years before, sails into port. |
| 16 | Youngsters bring news that a colossal sea urchin has been found just offshore. The locals prepare a cook out. |
| 17 | Gnoll pirates launch a night raid, hunting and seizing only halflings. |
| 18 | A genie of the waves threatens to sink any ship that sets sail without first answering his riddle. |
| 19 | The tide mysteriously rises several feet! All scurry for higher ground. |
| 20 | Something has chewed through an anchor chain. |
| 21 | Posters advertising a maritime circus appear spontaneously all around the docks. |
| 22 | A fisherman's wife plucks a fishhook from her squeamish man's derriere. |
| 23 | A youngster's sign offers 2 cp for the return of his lost seal. |
| 24 | A bottled love letter washes ashore. |
| 25 | An osprey lays a golden egg, and a riot breaks out. |
| 26 | Fishbone garlands, a local holiday decoration, festoon the docks. Hooligans appear and vandalize every last one of them. |
| 27 | A press gang armed with belaying pins lurks in a narrow alleyway. |
| 28 | Stevedores unloading a crate marked "Exotic Animal" drop it when a fistfight breaks out. The crate cracks open. |
| 29 | A serpent formed of water crests out past the breakers. Arguments on its significance break out around the docks. |
| 30 | A cloud, shaped like a galleon, descends and sends a landing boat to shore. |
| 31 | The daily catch includes a fish with human eyes. |
| 32 | Someone sets off a consignment of fireworks in a docked ship's hold. |



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- 33 A mirror-plated warship blockades the port, halting all trade and blinding any who look at it took long.
 - 34 A hurricane draws near.
 - 35 The Longshoremen are on strike, and goods are rotting in their ships.
 - 36 One of the imaginary atolls on a novelty nautical map is the PCs' actual homeland.
 - 37 The latest haul of fish smells like flowers.
 - 38 A man skulking in a wharf alleyway says, "Psst!" and gestures frantically.
 - 39 A street performer blows bubbles in the shapes of ships that later sink at sea.
 - 40 A press gang abducts the drunken son of a crime boss.
 - 41 Gutting a shark reveals a merman's arm still clutching a coral dagger.
 - 42 The local ruler proclaims a new mariner's tax, and citizens at dockside attack the announcing herald.
 - 43 A body washes up on shore.
 - 44 An angry druid confronts woodsmen as they cart exotic timber to a ship.
 - 45 A piper leads dancing children into the harbor (either from out of the water or down into it), all of which are somehow able to breathe under water.
 - 46 Tattooed warriors engage in a spectacular duel.
 - 47 Overnight, an iceberg forms around a docked trireme.
 - 48 A whirlpool forms in the bay.
 - 49 Bilge water pumped from a merchant ship contains strange, multi-legged crustaceans.
 - 50 A flower girl has lobster pincers in place of hands.
 - 51 A handless pickpocket covered in daisy petals lies dead on the pier.
 - 52 Laughing children chase a rat through the PCs' legs.
 - 53 A barroom brawl breaks out between the crews of rival ships.
 - 54 A dozen soldiers conduct a dockside "witch hunt."
 - 55 A four-legged whale tromps onto land and asks directions to an inland sea.
 - 56 Recruiters hire manpower to filch dinosaur eggs from a tropical island.
 - 57 A ship is hauled into dry dock for barnacle scraping.
 - 58 Residents loot the gold-laden coffers of a sinking imperial treasure barge.
 - 59 Children throw eggs against a wall blocking entry to the docks. From the appearance of the wall, this is a long-standing habit.
 - 60 A carnival's owlbear goes berserk until its keeper toots a silent whistle.
 - 61 An unmanned ship barrels into port and crashes through the docks.
 - 62 A despondent wizard's spell book drips with brine as he shuffles past.
 - 63 A merchant offers a barnacled magic lamp for sale, but its genie is only a *magic mouth*.
 - 64 A disheveled dandy crawls around the pier on bloody hands and knees.
 - 65 Mutineers dump their cargo overboard.
 - 66 A tavern owner requires disposal of a cursed octopus eye.
 - 67 A boy returns from paddling in the fjords with an oar mysteriously transformed into silver.
 - 68 A bread shop's roof collapses and hungry gulls swarm by the hundreds.
 - 69 Clerics of a death goddess carry three bodies onto a ship. No one stops them.
 - 70 Deep one diplomats arrive unexpectedly, asking where they might set up their embassy.
 - 71 A panicked carriage horse runs off the end of a pier.
 - 72 An earthquake fells a lighthouse, which crashes from nearby cliffs directly onto the docks.
 - 73 Women in dresses of red velvet confront the party with a proposition.

- 74 All by the docks feel a distinct, slowly strengthening tug toward the ocean.
- 75 A wealthy exporter is looking to hire bodyguards for himself and his cargo.
- 76 Three albino dolphins beach themselves, and the hair of any who touch them goes white!
- 77 The ever-worsening smell of sulfur rolls in off the waves.
- 78 Thin tongues of flame appear far out on the water.
- 79 When peasants discover they have been served zombie flesh at a noble's barbecue to benefit the poor, it sullies the event.
- 80 A sailor misses his boat.
- 81 The PCs spot crewmen stealing cargo from the crates they are offloading.
- 82 The ocean brine turns sweet, but then thousands of dead sea creatures drift into view.
- 83 An herbalist begs the PCs to dive for the kelp she needs to cure her rheumatism.
- 84 Workers repairing a collapsed pier discover a niche full of keys.
- 85 A cockfight in a back alley disbands when someone introduces a cockatrice.
- 86 Sailors mistake an irascible male elf for a woman.
- 87 Young boys herd purple sheep onto a ship.
- 88 A loud ship's horn announces an arrival, but the horizon is clear.
- 89 Bounty hunters ask after a man with gills who is wanted for mass murder.
- 90 A tavern spit-roasts a small kraken caught two days earlier.
- 91 A beggar woman swathes herself in fish innards to drum up sympathy.
- 92 A freak wave dumps a drowned noble and his luggage on the docks.
- 93 Sailors are afraid to untangle a flailing black albatross from their rigging. Their ship cannot sail.
- 94 A drunken sailor's sea chantey harmonizes with a passing bard's mandolin strumming.
- 95 A man chases gold coins all around the dock. The coins have a mind and mobility of their own.
- 96 A ship goes missing while its crew takes shore leave.
- 97 A ship captain places curses upon the harbormaster for quarantining his cargo.
- 98 A galleon brings important dignitaries. Soldiers clear the dock during a security sweep.
- 99 On a nearby pier, a crowd of people bid on a mollusk said to regenerate its edible parts.
- 00 An up and coming clothier insists on giving the PCs new swabby outfits free of charge.

