STAFF ROLES:

The Captain

As the commander and ruler aboard ship, the Captain hails from an established family in the colonies. In fact, his brother is the Royal Governor of Virginia. The Captain has a reputation for running an orderly ship and has significant sailing experience, particularly in the transatlantic trade. Though born in the colonies, the Captain is proud to be able to trace his family line to nobility in England and he has great respect for the King.

The First Mate

The First Mate is the best sailor on the ship. It is his job to make sure everything works exactly right, and it is also his job to make sure the sailors behave perfectly, work hard, and show respect for the Captain. He is from Boston and believes wholeheartedly in the Enlightenment philosophies, which argue that because people are born with “natural rights” just because they are human, the government has an obligation to treat them fairly. He believes that if the government does not treat people fairly, it should be dissolved.

The Second Mate

A man out for himself, the Second Mate has allegiance only to profit. He has been known to smuggle before and would do so again if the opportunity arose. He believes in his right to better himself above all else.

The Third Mate

The Third Mate is a knowledgeable sailor who has gone into debt paying for his passage from England to the colonies. He is at present indentured to the Captain who has covered his debt and hence gotten him out of debtor’s prison. He will need to work for several more years before he has his freedom.