

## *The Dave Barry Essay Challenge*

# Talk Like a Pirate Day

*Can you create a hilarious newspaper column based on seven facts? Give it your best shot, then see how Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist Dave Barry did it in 2002.*

1. It started when two guys named John Baur and Mark Summers got together to play racquetball.
2. During the game, they started giving encouragement in pirate slang.
3. After the game, they realized talking like pirates had been more fun than actually playing the game.
4. They invented a new holiday, Talk Like A Pirate Day.
5. Mark came up with September 19, his ex-wife's birthday.
6. For seven years they celebrated International Talk Like a Pirate Day pretty much on their own, often forgetting the holiday altogether.
7. They approached columnist Dave Barry, hoping he would promote their idea and help make the holiday a reality.

