

## PRESS RELEASE:

TEXAS is now challenging Brixham's new title for the largest pirate gathering in the world.

The Brixham Buccaneers volunteers are launching an appeal for an even bigger local response for their new record bid during the second Pirate and Shanty Festival this Spring.

Busting their 2009 Guinness Book of Records total of 1,467 and fighting off the American bid are top priorities at the April 30 - May 3 festivities.

Spokesman Captain Blood 'n' Guts (businessman Nigel James) said the volunteers, who stage family entertainment on most summer Thursdays, are determined to hang onto their claim to fame.

"We had brilliant support from local people who all dressed up last year for the big count, so we're relying on them again to come along on Sunday, May 2.

"It was a fun day for everyone last year and attracted pirate fans from as far afield as Kent, Scotland and Germany."

He added: "We can't let Brixham's title sink without trace."

TV megastar Simon Cowell should also be warned that top-rated show the "X-Factor" has a new harbourside rival in Torbay.

The "Aargh-Factor" has prizemoney totalling £1,000 and will be hunting out the best shanty talent as musicians and singers go head-to-head.

This year the waterfront festival alongside the Golden Hind galleon has a Caribbean theme with a join-in torchlit procession, sword fights, and Captain Jack Sparrow lookalike Jonty Depp

Fire eaters, a new rat-lobbing championship (toys not live), and talk-like-a-pirate workshops will add to the fun.

For more information on the pirates, click on to [www.brixhampiratefestival.co.uk](http://www.brixhampiratefestival.co.uk)  
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