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NAVAL ENSIGN OF RUSSIAN EMPIRE:
THE CURRENT TOP DOG.

Russia continues to dominate the Caribbean

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In the Year of our Lord 2020, the Russian Empire continues to dominate the Caribbean as it has done for months. The guns fell silent in the run up to and aftermath of Christmas as the waters outside ports froze up preventing hostile action and forcing everyone to get along, albeit rather uncomfortably.

The Willemstad Gazette would like to extend New Year's greetings to all readers and hope that they do not find their guns cold until next Christmas.

The first week following the New Year has seen an important development between relations of two former allies. During the Christmas truce warships from the Swedish Empire were seen along the South Cuban coast on multiple occasions attacking British merchant vessels and warships. The destruction of numerous warships by the Swedish navy infuriated many British captains and has resulted in a drastic change in policy.

A truce and possible alliance has emerged between the two largest powers in the Caribbean which has already seen several dozen ships lost.



Wreker De Ruyter Stern Gallery

Leaked pictures revealed

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Above are the leaked pictures of the Wreker De Ruyter's fabulous new bottom. The ship, named after Michiel Adriaenszoon de Ruyter (**picture right**), a successful Dutch Admiral is rumoured to be coming to Naval Action soon. This stern gallery can be seen in larger form on the Game Labs website. The multi-coloured façade and strapping young men posing elegantly may cause wives to stray so be careful not to let women on board.

There has been much speculation on whether this new ship will be a DLC or included in the base game but only time will tell if everyone will get to play with that booty.

Controversy surrounds the ship as it could be considered a ship of the line and if introduced as DLC it may upset some members of the community.



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The changing attitude of the British, Russia changes from foe to friend

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British sources have repeatedly said that the decision to switch sides in the war engulfing the server came as Swedish ships repeatedly blockaded Southern Cuba, the primary shipbuilding area of the British nation. John Sheppard on the British side says that “the Swedes have not acted as allies” and that GB has been doing the “heavy lifting” receiving nothing for it except getting “ganked” repeatedly by Swedish players despite screening for them. The conflict arises from the perceived terms of the former alliance with GB considering Open-World (OW) PvP to be off limits or at least, politely restricted whereas the Swedes considered anything to be fair game outside of screening and attacking ports.

Many GB leaders rate their new Russian partners highly with BASTD leader Grundgemunkey stating that they have “received more help from Russians in 3 days than we did from Swedes and Dutch in 3 months, they even come on TS to talk to us”. It seems a beautiful friendship is blossoming from the ashes of the tattered alliance between Sweden and GB.



BASTD hostility against newly acquired Swedish ports near the free port of Tumbado.



GB tries to remove the blockade

Player	Status	Ship	Ranks	K	A	Player	Status	Ship	Ranks	K	A
[HAV0C] havocado	live	L'Océan	Amiral	1	8	[ZERG] Bobzilla The Gorilla	sank	Bellona	Admiral	0	1
[HAV0C] Liq	live	Christian	Amiral	1	8	[GA] Jackeduponcrack	escaped	Bellona	Admiral	0	1
[HAV0C] have a swim would you	live	Christian	Amiral	0	8	[CRED] Danny Dayne	escaped	Christian	Admiral	0	1
[HAV0C] Pellberry	live	Le Bucentaure	Amiral	0	9	[BASTD] Drakeflake	sank	L'Océan	Vice-Admiral	1	1
[HAV0C] hammy	live	Christian	Amiral	1	9	[BASTD] Felix Victor	sank	Christian	Admiral	0	1
[VCO] Doug Maoz	live	Wapen von Hamburg Scourge	Amiral	0	9	[BASTD] Fussli	sank	Wasa	Rear Admiral	0	2
[VCO] Jarlath Morrow	live	Wasa	Curse	0	9	[BASTD] Ankaru	escaped	Wasa	Vice-Admiral	0	1
[HAV0C] The Banana Apocalypse	live	St. Pavel	Amiral	0	6	[BASTD] WASTEMAN	escaped	Christian	Admiral	0	1
[PURG3] MissFortune	sank	Trincomalee	Kapten	0	6	[BASTD] Chiggy	sank	Christian	Admiral	0	0
[PURG3] Bonus	sank	Bellona	Kommandör	0	6	[BASTD] MassimoSud	sank	Christian	Admiral	0	1
[PURG3] Stanhope	live	Victory	Amiral	3	3	[BASTD] Gildr	sank	L'Océan	Rear Admiral	0	1
[PURG3] Gooser	live	L'Océan	Amiral	2	7	[BASTD] Overlord 3	live	Trincomalee	Post Captain	0	2
[PURG3] HamBlower	live	Santisima Trinidad	Amiral	2	6	[GA] Capt Hardy	escaped	Constitution	Admiral	0	1
[CABAL] Licinio Chiavari	live	L'Océan	Amiral	0	5	[BASTD] wermer2311	escaped	Ingermanland	Vice-Admiral	0	0
[CABAL] Wolf113	live	Victory	Amiral	1	7	[GA] The Eagle	live	Christian	Admiral	0	1
						[BASTD] AcidHouse	sank	Indefatigable	Flag Captain	0	1
						[BASTD] Alexander of Macedon	live	Christian	Vice-Admiral	0	1
						Alexander of Macedon's - Francois	escaped	Christian	Admiral	0	0
						[CRED] Henry Turner	sank	Christian	Admiral	1	1
						[BASTD] Mallory	sank	Le Bucentaure	Admiral	0	1
						[BASTD] Grundgemunkey	sank	Bellona	Admiral	0	1

One of the battles at Santiago de Cuba that caused friction in the relationship between the former allies.

NEW YEAR RVR SUMMARY

RvR Roundup

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For those who are new or know nothing about RvR in Naval Action there are currently two teams, pro-Russia and anti-Russia. There are differences in nations as certain clans in nations support opposing sides but some nations clearly favour one side or the other whether through agreement or mutual acceptance.

In the pro-Russia camp are the following nations: Great Britain, Denmark and Prussia. In the anti-Russia camp sit the Dutch, Swedes, Spanish and French. The United States is kept in a constant state of terror with the threat of Russian domination looming over it. Pirates are evenly split on the issue and Poland being practically non-existent and no-one knows where they stand as no-one can find any of these blessed unicorns in order to ask them their opinion.

This week across the map nations seek to consolidate counties and bring more ports under their control. The Russians have consolidated in both the Santa Marta region as well as trying to destroy the long-standing pirate strongholds on the Florida coast in order to protect their American vassals.

There has been movement on other fronts with the British in the Santo Domingo region, the US and Dutch fighting in the South East and the Swedes trying to defend their possessions near Tumbado. Additionally, the Russians managed to secure Cabo Rojo.

DUTCH FOREIGN POLICY

Santo Domingo Sellout

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The clan LIONS has stirred discontent in the Dutch nation for weeks now about clans moving nations and taking ports with them. Several sources report that LIONS intend to do just that and have surrendered the profitable trading port of Santo Domingo to LAMA so that they can take it with them when they move nations. Sources indicate they plan to move to either Denmark or Prussia. The author believes either is likely as many of their former clanmates reside in the former whereas they were formerly a Prussian clan. Either way, their reputation in the Dutch nation is now in ruins.

SUCCESS STORIES

Spain, a baby phoenix?

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Not much has been seen of Spain since the release of Naval Action as most of their experienced players moved to bolster the Russian Empire shortly after. Many veterans view Spain as a nation, fallen from grace. At one time, she was a powerhouse of the server, dominating GB and enforcing her influence over the Western side of the map. Spain has fallen on hard times and with the exception of some minor scuffling with the pirates near Remedios four months ago not much has been heard from them. The Pinar del Rio region was once the beating heart of the Spanish nation until

SNOW, when sailing under the British flag, took the region as retribution for the humiliations inflicting upon Britain when Spain took the Caymans and the southern coast of Cuba. Here they settled for many months but when SNOW left GB just before release to find a new home in Willemstad, a new opportunity presented itself, the return of their heartlands. Unfortunately they were unable to achieve this and lost the race against Prussia who took the entire county. The removal of the county capital ports being the first port of call in an invasion presented the Spanish with the opportunity, which they firmly

took. They took the border ports of Mantua and Corrientes respectively and yesterday made an attack on Pinar del Rio itself! It was not successful but the relative strength of the two nations is swinging in favour of the Spanish. Swedish sources have stated that it is due to a Spanish screening fleet, that they were able to comfortably win Conttoy. Can Spain take Pinar del Rio? Possibly. If they manage to remove the Prussians from the area will they return to the shadows once more? Or will they perhaps cast their eyes once again upon the Caymans to begin again, the vengeful cycle between Spain and GB, that has continued unabated for years. I'm for the latter, it'll be much more amusing.



Havocado (Rediiiiii) sinking to leaks.

OPINION

Swiss in the Carribbean?
Swiss take over the St.Pavel

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The St. Pavel, out of fashion for a long time, will continue to be out of fashion despite at attempted comeback by Redii who took one to the battle of Cabo Rojo but unfortunately sunk via leaks by Ram Dinark. The St.Pavel is easily turned into Swiss cheese and is best avoided if you want to keep your feet dry. Until the shipbuilders sort out this problem the St.Pavel will continue to only be used by the AI.

STATE OF THE NATION

Past week of Dutch RvR

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Dutch forces attempted to retake Coquibacoa from the Russia. The Russian response was to take Santa Marta and Cabo de la Vela

This week the Dutch attacked the port of Haulover in response to the British foreign policy shift. The Dutch fleet was unsuccessful as they were intercepted by British and Russian screeners. The Dutch were victorious in these battles

At Baní the British narrowly defeated Dutch forces. The battle was in the Dutch favour when a British lineship exploded crippling two ships of the line. This swung the fight in their favour and that with the loss of the circles meant that victory was highly improbable, and a general retreat was ordered by the Fleet

Commander. This was the last port that the Dutch could defend as the British had launched a surprise night attack on Barahona and Azua which Dutch ships could not be dispatched to defend. Unfortunately Santo Domingo was dropped by LIONS so as to prevent Dutch forces defending it as they had made a deal with the British clan LAMA. One source says it was because they believed the Dutch could not defend, other sources say that LIONS leadership believe that the Dutch nation should be punished for not supporting their motions in Council. Some go as far as saying they plan to take the port back after switching nations. Whatever the truth of the matter, a dark week for the Republic.



Unity Brings Strength

SEEKING CONTRIBUTORS

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Hi folks, thought I'd give this a go. Been thinking of doing it for months but finally decided to have a crack at it. I'd like to get other people on board from across the server and across all different viewpoints.

If you want to write up something and send it to me, that'd be great! I'll have a look at it and subject to availability and appropriateness I can pop it on and credit you with it. Unfortunately, because this is the first one there's just me, but I'd like to get more than just me typing stuff out in future.

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