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## NEWS FOR THE LAZY NAVAL ACTION PLAYER



NAVAL ENSIGN OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE:  
THE CURRENT TOP DOG.

### Russia continues to dominate the Caribbean

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On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month in the Year of our Lord 2020, the Russian Empire continues to dominate the Caribbean as it has done so for months.

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## Pirates of Dark Water

“Oh God it’s Ram” - The average Naval Action player

### Rumours of PODW Leaving the Russian Empire

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Screenshots of the PODW clan chat were leaked online some days ago. These confirmed the rumours that PODW had decided to change nation. The author does not know where they are going, only that they intend to move nation. Ram Dinark and other members of PODW have been moving ships to free ports in anticipation of this change.

The main question is why? It is possible that Russia has become too crowded for these dismasting happy captains and they seek to plunder the bounty of Russian waters. It could be internal disputes or arguments though this is unlikely. I won’t pretend to know at this point. Either way, Russia’s enemies are celebrating because Ram Dinark and has proven a key member in the Russia’s “Alpha” Team. However, I feel that any celebrations on their part are premature! It is highly likely that the leveling up of Darth Vader in recent days means that this alt will be kept in Russia. This alt will start to appear in Russian PB’s, and it is unlikely they will relinquish Cartagena which will continue to fill their coffers with coin.



“With players like that we were always going to face a hard fight” - HAVOC player speaking of first Cabo Rojo PB



“I think this is one of the worst port battle performances I’ve seen from a major fleet in a long time” - HAVOC player speaking on second Cabo Rojo PB

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LEXIT: Shift in the balance of power as LAMA leaves the British Empire

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It is confirmed that LAMA is leaving the British. The author first learnt of the decision shortly after it was made and seems to be a consequence of the recent shift in British foreign policy. The reason for not including this information in the previous issue was a desire to await absolute confirmation that ships were being moved to free ports.

The Russians told the British to take the Santo Domingo region from the Dutch prior to the Dutch attack on Haulover. LAMA volunteered to take the ports so that they could then switch to Prussia and take the ports thus creating a new crafting area for the Prussian nation. Whether British players knew they were inadvertently working against their own interests is unknown. This is due to LAMA’s new policy which will lean towards the anti-Russian coalition, which is also at war with the British, but they will officially be neutral for the time being.

Prussian players have had mixed reactions to this news. Some being happy they are having a team of experienced RvR players that can help them defend ports. Others such as one anonymous source said they were concerned that they will “ruin our small community of friends”. GB will be severely weakened at the loss of one of its largest and most influential clans.



Demand for bratwurst on the increase in the Kingdom of Prussia



Some rowdy Prussians celebrating the move



Prussian Flag

RVR SUMMARY

RvR Roundup

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The Swedes regard the British as traitors. This led to them to taking Bluefields earlier this week. The British attempted to flip the port on the 9<sup>th</sup> January but were intercepted and annihilated. There is no doubting this was a response to the Swedish attack on Haulover earlier in the day which failed due to fort positioning.

Sweden has decided to evict the British from Puerto Plata and the surrounding ports to force their PvE players to return to Puerto Escondido and other ports so they can engage them in PvP. Swedish Admiralty have promised harsh retribution for the change in British foreign policy and the author suspects they will push from the south towards Truxillo on the West and towards Santiago de Cuba in the north. Both areas are key shipbuilding areas for the British.

Russia has decided to try to push against the Dutch to weaken their resolve in helping the Swedes and to bump them into fourth position on the Conquest Competition Leaderboard so that Sweden is forced to endure the tedious NPC Raids along with themselves and the British.

DUTCH FOREIGN POLICY

Russian push to Maracaibo Bay

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The Russians are pushing on the Dutch Western front in a new campaign to distract our efforts in reinforcing the Swedish against the British. The push towards Maracaibo Bay will cause much anxiety among Dutch traders who use the area. The Dutch Admiralty shows no lack of enthusiasm for continuing to help the Swedes both with alts in their own PBs and screening and multiflipping. Dutch Admiralty asks that Dutch players remain calm and attempt to screen out the Russians and interrupt further hostility. Leading players have already decided that there will be no peace with Russia even in the event of the fall of the Bay. All Dutch players are encouraged to open outposts in the free ports of Great Corn, Tumbado and La Tortue and to help the Swedes in their port battle efforts.



OPINION

The real impact of NPC raids

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One of the main additions to the game has been NPC Port Battles. NPC’s just after Friday maintenance will decide to attack one of the top ten ports in the top three nations. This at first seems an easy enough problem to solve and the top three nations have all had different experiences regarding the politics of NPC Raids.

The Russian experience has been very different from the Dutch s are organised and disciplined with limited infighting among the clans and has been since the divide between REDS and BF was buried several months ago,

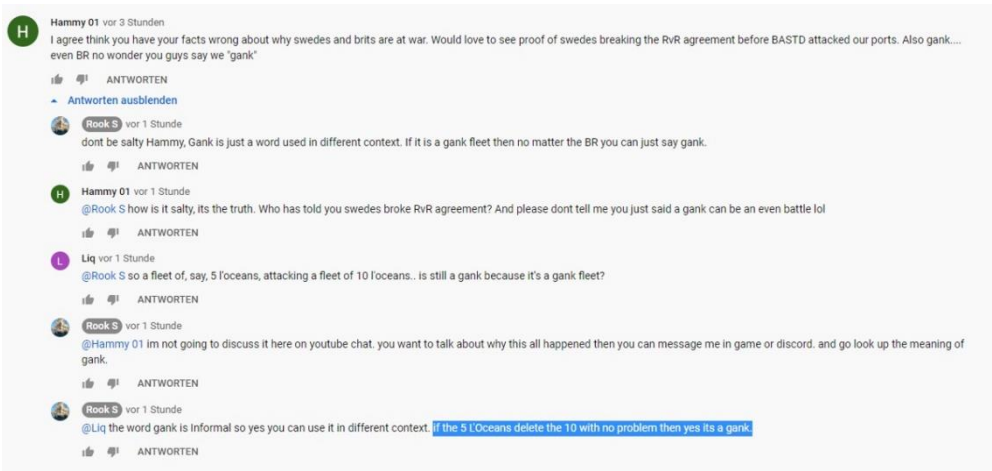
much to the dismay of the server.

The Brits are not as organised as the Russians and do not have their interclan discipline. They have despite this managed to fight off every attempt by the NPC as the large clans manage to have enough players to practically fill the NPC Raids by themselves, much like the Russians.

The impact of NPC Raids has been felt most keenly on Dutch internal politics. Unlike the other nations, there are no long established large clans and none that could even closely fill an NPC Raid. The

consequence of this NPC Raids filled with numerous clans. Overall it has as with the Russians and British been uneventful, clans have worked together to fight off the NPC Raiders. There have been occasions when envious clans have fermented dissent among the clans in order to discourage and hinder a defence of a port. Fortunately, none have been lost this way to date, but we should bear in mind the power that NPC Raids gives to smaller clans.

With LAMA leaving the nation, will smaller clans regard Santiago de Cuba envious eyes, and slowly and surely drew their plans against them?



An example of someone being wrong.

OPINION

Defining “gank”  
*Please stop being wrong*

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“Gank” comes from “GANgKill” which implies one side has vast numerical superiority over the other. You could badly argue that skill level should determine what constitutes a gank but this is problematic. The only quantifiable data we have on experience as players is our rank which is unreliable as players are awful at max rank, while others are half that and are better players. Words should have the same applicability in the same scenario and not change based on the opinions of one party. There can only be one watertight definition for what constitutes a gank in Naval Action which should be based on the numerical superiority of the ships involved in the engagement. Words should have meaning. Please stop being wrong.

STATE OF THE NATION

Past week of Dutch RvR

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A Dutch fleet successfully retook control of Pedernales in the early hours of the 9<sup>th</sup> January. The Americans were too afraid to face the Dutch fleet in battle and fled the port before the engagement began. Crowds wept with joy as ships from the United Provinces once again docked up in the port.

El Toco was defended in the early hours of the 11<sup>th</sup> January. The American fleet led by Lionshaft, opted to try to win the port battle by kiting the Dutch fleet, led by Gregory Rainsborough. The Dutch fleet gained points quickly in all circles as the Americans refused to engage in battle and the Dutch refused to be drawn away so the smaller American ships could contest the

circles. As far as the author knows, the entire American fleet was destroyed after the port battle with the exception of one American Agamemnon. Dutch Admiralty has finally established a rudimentary night fleet to deal with the Americans and plans are in the works to liberate Caño Macareo.

The battle of Casigua was a heavy loss for the Dutch with REDS and VSC beating a combined fleet of PRIV, MONX, GWC, VWIC and TOD. Author is positive that the victory stems from a lack of preparation on the Dutch part as noted by the Swiss Cheese present in the Dutch fleet composition.



Unity Brings Strength

MAJOR CHANGES

Patchnotes of the Week

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Asked for by no-one but welcomed by the Russians and other large nations the developers of Naval Action have made some changes to Port BR. Ship BR has also been changed showing that being publicly sunk by leaking can achieve a 10-point reduction in BR!

9<sup>th</sup> January Hotfix

- Addressed the Nassau Raider routes in port battles and slightly increased spawns of trading resources.

10<sup>th</sup> January Hotfix

- Port BR changes
  - 5000 Battle ratings ports are now 5700
  - 10000 Battle ratings ports are now 10600
  - Nassau PVE PB bug fixed - BR Changed to 2900
- Ship BR changes
  - Trincomalee BR 270 to 260
  - Endymion BR changed from 280 to 270
  - Indiaman BR changed from 150 to 140
  - Pavel BR changed from 550 to 540

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