



1 John Avery ('Long Ben')
Probably the first to fly Jolly Roger around 1694. His ship was called the Fancy-Fancy That. There were crossbones at the bottom and a skull from the side above them.

2 Richard Worley
He invented the Jolly Roger with the skull and crossbones. The skull is smiling. The British Navy caught him and hanged him.

3 Edward England
He invented the skull above the crossbones. The skull is face on. Edward probably has a wooden leg and a wild beard.

4 Calico Jack Rackham
Calico Jack used cutlasses and not crossbones on his flag. Cutlasses are a type of swords that pirates adore.

5 Blackbeard
On his flag, a skeleton-devil is holding an hourglass meaning 'your time is running out!'. It is about to stab a bleeding heart.

6 Ned Low
Ned Low had a smart red skeleton on his flag. He was last seen in 1714 in Africa. He's probably just a red skeleton by now.

7 Black Bart
Black Bartholomew designed a flag portraying a giant figure of himself standing, sword in hand, astride two skulls.

8 Emanuel Wynne
This French pirate copied the rest. The skull, the crossbones AND the hourglass. The hourglass is full at both ends - it will never run out.

FUN FACTS N°1
The pirate flag was often called 'Jolly Roger' - that is from French 'jolie rouge' or 'pretty red'. The first flags were red.

FUN FACTS N°2
Colors really had meaning:
Black: 'Give up or you'll die.'
Red: 'No mercy, kill everyone.'
White: 'Let's negotiate!'