



# Golden Age of Piracy

## *Committee Dossier*

Note: Position assignments are dependent on registration and are not all guaranteed to be filled in committee session.

<p>Zheng Yi Sao - Leader of pirate confederation, Head of the Red Flag Fleet</p>	<p>Zheng Yi Sao was the leader of the Red Flag Fleet but also the head of the pirate federation as a whole, managing all six fleets. She oversees the racketeering schemes of the pirate federation, such as gambling houses and protection taxes for the salt traders.</p>
<p>Zhang Bao - Head of pirate confederation, Head of the Red Flag Fleet</p>	<p>Zhang Bao was originally admitted to the federation by Zheng Yi, but he gained power by marrying Zheng Yi Sao and he helped to manage the six fleets. He also leads much of the federation's raiding and military activity.</p>
<p>Guo Podai - Head of the Black Flag Fleet</p>	<p>Guo Podai became a part of Zheng Yi's crew as a child and remained with them for years, making them one of the older members of the crew. He was likely jealous of Zhang Bao due to his marriage to Zheng Yi Sao, and also resentful of Zhang Bao's control over him because of this marriage.</p>
<p>Wu Zhiqing - Head of the Yellow Flag Fleet</p>	<p>Wu Zhiqing became a pirate in Canton, later meeting Zheng Yi, along with Mai Youkin and Zhang Bao. After the leader of the Green Flag Fleet died, he became responsible for all its members as well. He was extremely loyal to the federation, and refused to give any ground in negotiating with the imperial government.</p>
<p>Mai Youkin - Head of the Blue Flag Fleet</p>	<p>Mai Youkin originally created his own pirate group along with his brothers but later joined the Xishan dynasty where he eventually became a General. He met Zheng Yi through this position, and would become a very loyal leader within the pirate federation.</p>
<p>Liang Yakang - Head of the White Flag Fleet</p>	<p>After Liang Yakang's step-father Liang Bao died in 1809 and the White Flag Fleet was all but destroyed, leadership of the fleet was passed down to him. He tried to find his place in the federation and carry on his father's legacy.</p>

Liang Pobao - Member of the Red Flag Fleet	Liang Pobao was born from a poor family in Canton. He originally joined the fleet under the leadership of Zheng Yi.
Zheng Guohua - Member of the Red Flag Fleet	Zheng Guohua was originally a fisherman before joining the Red Flag Fleet in Canton. He recruited many others in Canton to become part of the Red Flag Fleet.
Xiao Buao - Member of the Red Flag Fleet	One of the pirates who was initially contacted by Zhang Bailing's "pacification program," she refused due to loyalty to the pirates.
Feng Yongfa - Member of the Black Flag Fleet	Feng Yongfa was a loyal member of the fleet, having participated in many of Zhang Bao's coastal raids. He was known for constantly wanting to engage imperial fleets in combat.
Guo Jiushan - Member of the Black Flag Fleet	Guo Jiushan was involved in many crucial battles including the defeat of the commander Sun Quanmao.
Li Zongchao - Member of the Yellow Flag Fleet	Li Zongchao joined the federation fairly late after its creation. Despite this, he quickly became a skilled member of his fleet, and he assisted in collecting payments from coastal townspeople.
Feng Lianggui - Member of the Yellow Flag Fleet	After witnessing the Green Flag Fleet fall apart following the death of its leader, Feng Lianggui became skeptical of the pirate federation's stability and unity. He joined the Yellow Flag Fleet, similar to the other former members of the Green Flag Fleet.
Huang He - Member of the Blue Flag Fleet	A scholar within the Blue Flag Fleet, he helped the leader Mai Youkin in its formation. He was heavily against the Qing government.
Zheng Yaoshang - Member of the Blue Flag Fleet	Zheng Yaoshang originally sold gunpowder to the pirate federation before joining them as a crew member. He was against the notion that the Qing government should be trusted.
Long Yundeng - Member of the Blue Flag Fleet	Long Yundeng originally became associated with piracy through the Xishan Dynasty in Vietnam, but he joined the Blue Flag Fleet at its formation, participating in many of its raids and ventures.
Wen Yahu - Member of the White Flag Fleet	Witnessing the destruction of the White Flag Fleet weakened Wen Yahu's resolve as a pirate. He remained a member of the pirate federation as he began to decide where he would take his life from there.
Zhang Bailing - Governor of Guangdong and Guangxi	Began a "pacification campaign", attempting to get pirates to surrender to the government, sometimes even granting them government positions. He had great success in weakening pirate groups.

Sun Yuting - Governor	A high-ranking official who was heavily against bribing pirates to submit to the government and argued on behalf of continuing to fight the pirates.
Xu Xingguang - Politician	Xu Xingguang oversaw a “sea war” campaign, attempting to exterminate the pirates through force. He also tried to convince other politicians to not negotiate and continue fighting pirates.
Peng Zhaolin - Xiangshan Magistrate	Peng Zhaolin arranged militias in various areas to assist the imperial forces in fighting the pirates. He also coordinated with Portugal, attempting to assemble a larger front on which to combat piracy.
Shen Quanheng - Shunde County Magistrate	Shen Quanheng organized defense efforts, including a militia, in his county. He tried to unify various defense forces within Guangdong to create a more centralized resistance to the pirates.
Sheng Zhicai - Dianbai County Magistrate	Sheng Zhicai organized a militia in his county, as well as advocating for more direct work between small militias and the imperial army.
Shen Baoshan - Xinhui County Magistrate	Shen Baoshan organized a militia and prepared his county for pirate attacks. Areas close to him had already been raided by the pirate federation in the past.
Xu Tinggui - Deputy General of Xiangshan Association	Xu Tinggui was ordered by Zhang Bailing to seek out and destroy pirates along the Pearl River Delta.