



# COMMON KNOWLEDGE

- ▶ The Treetops are a Sea
- ▶ Land is Scarce & Valuable
- ▶ Plant Growth is Rampant
- ▶ Flames are Forbidden
- ▶ Crezzerin Corrupts
- ▶ Economy is Barter-Based
- ▶ It's a Weird, Weird World

# COMMON TERMS

**Pre-Verdant:** Tech and materials from before the rampant nature growth.

**Ironroots:** Titanic trees whose branches make up the wavetops.

**Tallshanks:** The biggest Ironroots.

**Spit:** Small landmass.

**Reef:** Collection of wrecks and junk trapped among the wavetops.

**Rift:** A gaping hole in the treetops that leads down to Under-Eaves.

**Crezzerin:** A mutative toxin that drives the unnatural growth of animals and plants (and sometimes people).

# THE LAYERS OF THE SEA

- ▶ The Skies
- ▶ The Thrash
- ▶ The Tangle
- ▶ The Sink
- ▶ The Drown
- ▶ The Under-Eaves

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- PORTS ●●
- LOCATIONS ○○
- IRON ROOTS ———
- TRADE ROUTES - - - - -
- "SAFE" PATHS - - - - -
- FRINGES - - - - -

## EDGES

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### GRACE

Elegance, precision, agility

### IRON

Force, determination, willpower

### INSTINCT

Sense, intuition, reaction

### SHARPS

Logic, wit, planning

### TEETH

Savagery, passion, destruction

### TIDES

Exploration, learning, lore

### VEILS

Shadows, ciphers, secrecy

## CUT

A Cut removes results after the roll, starting with the highest. Used for...

**Cut for Difficulty:** Firefly lets you know if a roll is particularly difficult.

**Cut for Precision:** Cut 1 result to aim at a location/part. Declare before roll.

**Cut for Impact:** Cut for extra Impact. Declare intent before rolling.

## Injuries

Caused by hazards (such as monsters), disease, large amounts of damage, etc. They might:

- ◆ Force a Cut on some actions.
- ◆ Take away a Skill or sense.
- ◆ Add negative effects to actions.

## Track Length Guidance

**Default:** 3-track. Unlikely filled by single action/roll. Short enough that a couple actions will finish it.

**Reminder:** 1 or 2-track. Likely filled with a single roll/action. An immediate, short term goal/effect.

**Challenge:** 4+ track. Dominates narrative/focus. Can be difficult or longer term.

## SKILLS

Young Gun: 8 Points (max 2) Old Dog: 15 Points (Max 3)

**Brace:** Defend, determination, immobility.

**Break:** Break, smash, demolish.

**Concoct:** Chemical reactions, essence extraction, crezzerin.

**Cook:** Spices, sustenance, meats, fruits, heat.

**Delve:** Explore ruins, bypass locks/traps, identify the past.

**Flourish:** Showmanship, performance, art.

**Hack:** Chop, identify unknown plant hazards, spin tales.

**Harvest:** Forage, identify plants, nurture plants and insects.

**Hunt:** Observe, track, shoot, render specimens.

**Outwit:** Sneak, infiltrate, deceive.

**Rattle:** Mend, maintain, invent.

**Scavenge:** Locate, collect, identify properties and value.

**Sense:** Detect, intuit, react.

**Study:** Discover, record, interpret, decipher, determine patterns and flaws.

**Sway:** Convince, argue, threaten.

**Tend:** Heal, calm, communicate with beasts, grow fruits/herbs/spices.

**Vault:** Climb, leap, dodge, tumble.

**Wavewalk:** Brachiate, swing, navigate the wilds.

## IMPACT

**Low:** Action is weaker/has less effect, marks less boxes, downgrades power.

**Normal:** Most actions. Marks one box.

**High:** More effect/power. Marks an extra box.

**Massive:** Hugely potent, e.g. ship-scale armament. Marks all boxes in a track.

## MIRES

Marked in response to events caught in, something forced to do against judgement, or in truly disturbing encounters.

Acting contrary to a Mire automatically Cuts dice equal to the marks on its track.

## LANGUAGES

Use to make friends, impress others, gain extra info.

**Ranks:** 1 Smattering, 2 Knowledge, 3 Fluency

**Low Sour:** Mongrel (common).

**Chthonic:** Ancient (human).

**Saprekk:** Thick, rolling (ektus).

**Gaudimm:** Clicks, twitches, pheromones (gau).

**Knock:** Hissing, chittering (tzelicrae).

**Brasstongue:** Clipped, precise (trader).

**Raka Spit:** Rapid patter (hunters, leviathaners).

**Lyre-Bite:** Lilted (poets, songwriters).

**Old Hand:** Sign language.

**Signalling:** Flags, flares, signal lamps (code).

**Highvin:** Primarily written (pre-verdant ruins).

## DRIVES

Advancing or satisfying a Drive gives a choice of one of...

- ◆ Gain a Whisper
- ◆ Clear a mark of Mire
- ◆ Gain a minor Milestone (once per session only)
- ◆ Gain a major Milestone, remove and replace it (once per session only)

Young Gun:

4 Aspects  
4 Resources  
3 Drives  
3 Mires

Old Dog:  
6 Aspects  
6 Resources  
3 Drives  
3 Mires

Use a Focus Tracker to ensure all players get a chance to have an impact on the game.

## Damage Types

**Blunt** Crushing - stun and break

**Keen** Cutting - slice and bleed

**Spike** Piercing - penetrate and impale

**Hewing** Chopping - split and break

**Serrated** Sawing - rip and tear

**Toxin** Poison - sicken and confuse

**Acid** Corrosive - melt and sear

**Blast** Explosive - stun and shatter

**Volt** Electrical - shock and paralyze

**Frost** Cold - slow and freeze

**Salt** Crystalline - dry and banish

**Flame** Burning - melt and inspire fear

## Resistance

Reduces damage by one mark. Can reduce or eliminate injury.

## Immunity

Is full protection.

## Weakness

Increases damage by one mark. Injuries may be more detrimental or last longer.

## Stacking

- ◆ Two Resistances to a certain type of damage, count as an Immunity.
- ◆ Immunity and Weakness combine as Resistance.
- ◆ Weakness and Resistance cancel each other out.

## Kindness Rule:

Sailors suffer -2 or +2 damage depending on Resistance and Weakness.

Hazards suffer -1 or +1 instead.

## Resource Types & Tags

**SPECIMEN** **Pure/Medicinal:** Heals extra mark.  
**Heirloom:** Has far more worth.  
**Rotten:** Makes you sick if you eat it.

**SALVAGE** **Sturdy:** Repairs extra damage mark.  
**Ornate:** Has far more worth  
**Broken:** Almost useless.

**WHISPER** **Echoing:** Use twice before fading.  
**Hungry:** Removes an element of the world, rather than adding one.

**CHART** **Faded:** Almost impossible to read.

**ANY** **Pre-Verdant:** Ancient.

# ACTION ROLLS

## EDGE

## SKILL/LANGUAGE

## ADVANTAGE

Pieces of the environment, resources, aspects, favourable situations, and helpful assistance.

### 1d6

If you have nothing to draw from, roll 1d6 and count Triumph results as Conflicts instead.

### up to 3d6

### up to 2d6

### Reading the Dice

Use the highest single die and note if you have Doubles. Triples or above only count as Doubles.

### Helping Hands

Two crewmembers working together on the same task choose which provides the edges, advantages, or skill ranks. Both are affected by any negatives that result.

## ACTION RESULTS

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### Triumph

Complete success, no drawbacks.  
Mark/clear a box on a track.

### 5 or 4

### Conflict

Success with a drawback.  
Usually marks/clears a box.

### 3, 2 or 1

### Disaster

Failure and narrative complication  
or drawback. Usually doesn't  
mark/clear a box.

### DOUBLES

**House Rule: Only Highest Doubles add Twist**

Adds a small, potentially useful twist, suggested by any player.  
Firefly has final say.

## ATTACK

Does damage plus possible effect.

Does damage plus maybe effect. Also suffers some damage, an effect, loses a resource, or ends in worse position.

Misses/does no damage. Also suffers downside like Conflict results.

Critical hit which increases impact.

## DEFENSE

Avoids threat completely.

Avoids the worst. Also suffers downside like Attack above.

Takes damage plus likely downside as per Conflict results.

Counter does mark of damage to foe (if in range).

## ACQUISITION

Gain solid untainted resource.

Gain resource with a negative tag.

Resource not found/ruined during collection.

Gain resource with unique/positive tag.

## CREATION

Recipient gains temporary related benefit.

Provides temp. 2-track aspect with downsides or one with no downside that doesn't quite work as intended.

Creation has no benefits but might be ornament/culinary curiosity.

Has an additional small, unexpected benefit.

## RECOVERY

Heal two marks of aspect, ship rating, injury track, mire.

Heal one mark of aspect, ship rating, injury track, mire.

**House Rule: No Effect (aside from resources consumed during roll)**

Don't consume resource used for the recovery.

## RATINGS

Bypass obstacle safely.

Bypass obstacle but mark 1 Rating damage.

Fail to bypass obstacle and mark 1 Rating damage.

Unexpected event.

## WATCH

### PEACE

Montage, Meeting, Tall Tale (gain a Whisper), Tree Shanty, Undercrew Issue, Reflection (heal Mire).

### ORDER

Nearby Ship, Outpost, Survivor Needing Rescue, Wreck or Ruin, Cache of Cargo/Supplies, Conspiracy.

### NATURE

Weather, Natural Feature, Wonder (heal Mire), Horror, Unsettled Landfall, True Wilds.

## WEATHER-WATCHING

### CLEAR SKIES

Weather clears.

### CONTINUATION

Weather continues as it is.

### A CHANGE FOR THE WORSE

Driving rain/hail (lowers visibility), blazing sunshine (potential heatstroke), living storm or bizarre weather phenomenon.

## MONTAGES

### Acquisition

Acquires Resources in appropriate areas with three approaches. Use the **Acquisition Results** table.

**Scavenging:** Salvage.

**Hunting:** Specimens.

**Gathering:** Specimens.

### Work on a Project

May cost additional resources, time, rolls, or special quests.

### Recovery

Each option requires a Resource or appropriate environment (the Resource can be spent and automatically take the Conflict result if desired). Uses the **Recovery** table.

**Healing:** Requires an appropriate Specimen. Clears marks from Traits or animals.

**Repairing:** Requires appropriate Salvage. Clears marks from Gear or mechanicals.

**Relaxing:** Requires an appropriate Whiskey. Clears marks from Mires.

### Creation

Combines Resources to create temporary Aspects. Each temporary Aspect has a name, track, useful ability, and is used up forever when filled. Uses the **Creation Roll Results** table.

**Concocting:** Requires 2 Resources of any type. Makes a related potion.

**Cooking:** Requires 2 Specimens. Makes a full meal with related property.

**Crafting:** Requires 2 Salvage. Makes a piece of useful temporary Gear.

## SHIP RATINGS

**Armour** How well it resists damage

**Seals** How well it keeps the Wildsea out

**Speed** How fast it is

**Saws** How it cuts and rams

**Stealth** How well it avoids notice

**Tilt** How well it maneuvers

## JOURNEYS

### I. Departure

Set destination. Choose an option to run:

- ◆ Montage
- ◆ Scene
- ◆ Checklist of preparations.

### At the Helm

Choose an option:

**Cut a Path:** Travel at decent speed, safely. Mark a single Progress box. When Watch Roll is made, choose to Encounter or steer clear easily.

**Forge Ahead:** Swift but rough passage. Mark 2 Progress boxes. When Watch Roll is made, ship usually blunders into encounter or avoids it with damage.

**Drop Anchor:** Stop to rest, no Progress, little fear of interruption. Undercrew take watch, crew can take a Montage.

**Challenging Terrain:** Can force a Ratings Roll to progress.

### II. Progress & Encounters

Crewmembers can take turns **At the Helm** and **On Watch**.

Boxes marked on Firefly's secret tracks for **Progress**, **Risk**, **Pathfinding** (if someone is Cartographizing) and **Riot** (if poor leadership, treatment, or danger risks mutiny).

### On Watch

Choose an option:

**Make a Discovery:** Choose a Chart, add a Whiskey, interpret. Both are then lost.

**Make a random roll** on Watch Roll Results.

### Threat

Firefly secretly rolls 1d6 (2d6, take highest if crew has Chart of area) to determine Threat level of Encounters:

- ◆ **6:** danger-free opportunity;
- ◆ **5 or 4:** hazardous encounter with useful pay-off;
- ◆ **3, 2 or 1:** immediate danger with little pay-off.

Firefly usually gives clues to the level of any threat.

**House Rule:**  
Charts can be used to make 1 or 2 Progress on a Journey.

- ◆ Filling **Progress** track ends journey.
- ◆ Filling **Risk** track means encountering powerful foe/threat.
- ◆ Filling **Pathfinding** track provides the cartographer with relevant Chart.
- ◆ Filling **Riot** track results in potential mutiny.

### Tending the Engine

Choose an option:

**Tend to the Engine:** Immediately hijack focus if there are any problems relating to the engine to attempt an instant fix/bypass.

**Overload the Engine:** Uses a resource suitable for fuel. Increase impact on a roll to take advantage of the ship's temporary power/speed, or mark additional box on journey track.

**Muffle the Engine:** Uses a soft, muffling resource. Increase impact on a roll taking advantage of the ship's quieter profile or stealthily leave an area without making a roll (if not already spotted).

### III. Arrival

Arrival at the final destination when the Progress track is complete.

### Cartographizing

Slowly create chart of the area being travelled - mark the Firefly's Pathfinding track every time an important landmark is found. When the track is fully marked, gain a chart.

### Engaging an Encounter

**Choice:** The crew chooses from options provided by the Firefly.

**Challenge:** A threat to the ship. Player At the Helm may need to make Ratings Rolls.

**Scene Encounter:** Usually when the players leave the ship.

### Watching the Weather

Roll 1d6 on Weather-Watching Results.

# Embercrowns (Faction)

**Crezzerin Percentage Remaining:** 87%  
**Motivation:** Reduce that percentage to 0.

Wildsailors have spent their lives growing accustomed to the crezzerin that infects everything. It is a deadly poison, a disease without a cure, and an unavoidable part of pre-verdent life. But the Embercrowns don't see it that way. They see crezzerin as a temporary plague for which the cure is very simple: fire.

Embercrowns care little for social taboos and superstitions. They will not allow small-minded fears to dissuade them from applying their cures. Their "rift burns" can turn an ironroot to ash in a matter of hours, leave massive charred holes in the verdent sea. So far none of their rift burns have spread beyond their control.

To counter the flames and the fear, Embercrowns set up Balm Centers where they offer free medical supplies, fire suppression technology, and, most importantly, a cure for crezzerin exposure. Their crezzerin treatment has an 80% success rate, capable of reversing even the most advanced infections...assuming the patient survives.

While some welcome their aid and resources, most see the Embercrowns as a disaster waiting to happen. A spark only needs a clear sky and strong winds, and sometimes the balm cannot make up for the burn.

## Embercrown Dispatch (Hazard)

A team of Embercrowns equipped to both burn and suppress. They arrive on a sleek ship with jet-fire engines. Their amber armor is resistant to any weapons, creatures, or hazards that are tainted with crezzerin.

**DRIVE:** Complete their intended burn, suppress any unwanted flames, and provide aid to anyone caught in the blaze.

**PRESENCE:** Orange visors allow them to identify even the smallest crezzerin infestation. Amber armor glows with a pulsing energy. Their voices are amplified with a warble, and can be heard above roaring flames or packed crowds.

**MEMBERS:** Each dispatch is made of three kinds of Embercrowns:

- ▶ **Burners** have massive backpacks filled with their combustion chemicals. They can spray it from Long Range, but without much accuracy.
- ▶ **Suppressors** carry a metal canister in one hand and a spout in the other. Their foamy spray puts out any flames and quickly hardens to trap anyone covered in the stuff.
- ▶ **Balmers** carry medical supplies. In a pinch they can fire an injector with crezzerin treatment at whatever is threatening them. The treatment is painful, incapacitating patients while the crezzerin is cleansed from their system.

## Station 17 (Port)

The most recent Balm Center established by the Embercrowns. There are a few tiers of aid being offered:

- ▶ **Basic supplies are freely offered**, one crate per ship that contains: [Sp] Artificial Aloe, [Sp] Cleansing Gauze, [Sa] Fireproof Canvas, [Sa] Crezzerin Test Kit, [Wh] Burning Rift, [Wh] A Spark Neglected, [Ch] Balm Center Maps, [Ch] Riftburn Charts
- ▶ **More advanced medical treatments** will require a crezzerin inspection of both ship and crew. Any infected items will be treated (50% change of being destroyed) and infected crewmembers will not be allowed unless they accept crezzerin treatment.
- ▶ **Embercrowns will offer a free "Riftburn Retrofit"** if the ship and crew are crezzerin free and looking for work. They will equip the ship and crew to both start and extinguish their own controlled burns. Each successful burn is rewarded with more supplies and equipment.

## Future of Humanity (Festival)

A massive outpouring of food packets, medical supplies, and educational entertainment. All are invited, even those who refuse treatment. Embercrown puppet shows teach fire safety. Scientists demonstrate the dangers of crezzerin exposure. A petting zoo of creatures who survived the crezzerin treatments. The culmination of the festival will be a controlled burn of the surrounding waves to reveal their latest "Safe Leaf" technology: a fire suppression compound that hardens into a safe route for ships to sail over. Unfortunately a heavy rain will dissolve the compound, stranding festival goers among a sea of charred branches.

## Principles

- ▶ The remnants of humanity and emerging peoples are victims of crezzerin exposure. They treat almost everyone with a condescending kindness; a sense of pity for a terminal patient.
- ▶ Supplies are cheap. Embercrowns want for nothing, everything they need is provided for them by their prosperous satellite city.
- ▶ Recruit more people to the cause. They are eager to equip sailors and crews to head out and join the campaign to eliminate crezzerin. Surely no one would abuse their technology in light of such an important mission as theirs.
- ▶ Professional Firefighters. Embercrowns address one another by their ranks and stations. Names and families remain at home; while they're down here they're focused on their mission.

## Quick NPCs

- ▶ **Fifth Marshal (Ardent):** She wears her burns like badges of honor. They love to talk about sacrifice and dedication. Avoids the rain because it washes off her fake burn makeup.
- ▶ **Lead Tanker (Ardent):** Always covered in a thin layer of suppression dust, Tanker oversees all ship retrofits and technology installation. Constantly re-explains how everything works, dumbing it down more and more each time.
- ▶ **Secion C Nurse (Pre-V Human):** One of the few Embercrowns who were brought out of stasis. She has recently begun to have doubts about their mission, and wishes Embercrowns would focus more on giving aid and less on riftburns.
- ▶ **Secondary Water Main (Ardent):** They hide a secret crezzerin infection from their fellow Embercrowns, confident that it may have some benefits that the others refuse to acknowledge. Secondary hopes to join a crew and let the crezzerin do its work.

## Story Hooks

- ▶ A recent riftburn has drawn a leviathan up from the depths. Soon it will emerge to haunt ships and communities in the area.
- ▶ A group of pirates have been using Embercrown technology to torch and terrorize trading routes. Embercrowns refuse to take responsibility, but will reward anyone who takes them down.
- ▶ Radicals have been starting fires and trying to blame them on the Embercrowns, with limited success.





# THE WILDSEA

OFFICIAL SHIP SHEET

## CONDITIONS

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## STAKES

USED / TOTAL

## REPUTATION

Five reputation bars, each with a scale of 10 circles.

## NAME

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## RATINGS

ARMOUR (10 circles)  
SEALS (10 circles)  
SPEED (10 circles)  
SAWS (10 circles)  
STEALTH (10 circles)  
TILT (10 circles)

## DESIGN

SIZE

## FRAME

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## HULL

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## BITE

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## ENGINE

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## FITTINGS

MOTIFS/ADDITIONS/ROOMS

## ARMAMENTS

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## OUTRIDERS

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## UNDERCREW

NAME Officer/Gang/Pack  
Details +

## NOTES

Large grid area for notes.