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## **Pirates Raid LEGOLAND® California**

*Family Theme Park adds Captain Cranky's Challenge to Pirate Shores*

**CARLSBAD, Calif. (May 24, 2007)** – Pirates officially invaded LEGOLAND® California today for the opening of *Captain Cranky's Challenge*. The family theme park unveiled its newest ride in a show starring the Park's resident swashbucklers Captain Dreadbeard, Captain Byrd and Mango. The pirates recruited a crew of young buccaneers to man Captain Cranky's maiden voyage.

*Captain Cranky's Challenge*, the newest addition to Pirate Shores, defies guests to test their sea worthiness as they sway back and forth on a pirate ship that sits on a "U-shaped" track and rotates in two directions. A life-sized LEGO® model of Captain Cranky greets guests as they enter the ride which holds 24 passengers. After two minutes of fun, guests exiting the ride find another pirate model, this one a little green in the face from a dizzying ride on the open sea.

*Captain Cranky's Challenge* is the fifth attraction to be added to Pirate Shores and joins the signature attraction Splash Battle, water-play areas Soak-N-Sail and Swabbies Deck, and a mini-flume log ride, Treasure Falls. Additional seating, more shade and locker facilities make Pirate Shores even more family friendly this summer.

Throughout Pirate Shores, more than 150 detailed LEGO® models abound including a lively pirate band providing festive sea shanties, a group of renegade mice raiding provisions and a spectacular sinking galleon. Guests can test their mettle at games that challenge their pirating skills and win a trove of treasure to take home from the 128 acre family theme park.

Fifteen new attractions have been added to LEGOLAND California in the last three years including the new *Miniland Las Vegas*. With the opening of *Miniland Las Vegas* on March 29, 2007, and *Captain Cranky's Challenge* today, LEGOLAND is continuing to position itself as the preferred attraction choice for families with children ages 2 to 12.

LEGOLAND® California is a 128-acre interactive theme park dedicated to families with children between the ages of 2 and 12. With more than 50 rides, shows and attractions, LEGOLAND is geared towards family fun! There are three other LEGOLAND Parks in the world – LEGOLAND Billund in Denmark, LEGOLAND Deutschland near Günzburg, Germany and LEGOLAND Windsor outside of London. The LEGOLAND theme parks are a part of Merlin Entertainments Group, the second largest attractions operator in the world. Merlin Entertainments is the leading name in location based, branded, family entertainment and currently owns more than 50 attractions worldwide serving more than 30 million visitors. For the most current information, log on to [www.LEGOLAND.com](http://www.LEGOLAND.com) or call (760) 918-LEGO.

