Get Lost On A Treasure Island

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LAND AHoy!...Safe at last on a deserted island!
Clear the decks for a whale of a party with all your shipmates this cold January. A ship wreck party is just the thing to warm the atmosphere and pay back your social obligations acquired during the Christmas season. Invite your guests to the party with a gay verse rolled up inside a pill bottle, as if a message had been cast away from the stricken ship. Suggestions for costumes are: old fashioned swimming suits with high heels, necklaces, and earrings; old navy costumes; an old wool suit; hula skirts; and even pirate costumes with daggers are fun. Additions could be a child’s inner tube, water wings, a shower cap or a life jacket.

In the dining room make a big sign showing the menu.

**Emergency Rations**
- whaleburgers—hamburgers
- sea biscuits—buns
- pork ’n beans
- seaweed salad—cole slaw
- root tray—relishes
- coffee

Label parts of your house with navy terms. First have the guests “Walk the Plank” to enter the house. Other ideas are:

- Stand By To Be Picked Up—front hall
- Hatchway Below Decks—basement door
- Passageway—hall
- Bulkhead—wall
- The Galley—kitchen
- Bunkrooms—bedrooms
- Poop Deck—landing
- The Ladder—stairs
- Portholes—windows
- Deck—floor
- The Head—bathroom
- Ward Room—dining room

If you serve supper, send everyone out on a treasure hunt or scavenger hunt right after the meal. This will give you time to straighten the house, wash dishes, put the kids to bed, and set up other games. Items to use for a scavenger hunt could include a fish net, yachting hat, officer’s hat, picture of Admiral Byrd, bosun’s whistle, copy of Moby Dick, officer’s stripes, navy bean, etc.

In a large room, bean bag golf is fun. Use old mixing bowls, gardening pots, laundry baskets, or flower pots as holes. Old fashioned mixing games can develop into exciting, competitive team sports. Be sure to put people who came together on different teams. The latest in musical chairs is to have the husbands or dates find the chair and the women find a lap.

During the early part of the evening circulate among the guests doing “out of order” things. Put a pin on a tie, a cigarette behind an ear of someone who doesn’t smoke, rubber band around the instep of a shoe, or a bobby pin in a man’s hair. Use your imagination in thinking up ideas. Allow only 5 or 10 minutes for people to find all “mistakes” on others and give a nice prize to the winner instead of the silly things given for other games.

Use old pill bottles to send the invitations and make the many odd signs on cardboard or a stiff white paper.