

# New ride coming to Boardwalk

SANTA CRUZ — Pop a seasickness pill. Clutch your stomach. Hold onto your hat.

A new thrill ride will debut this spring at the Boardwalk.

The ride's called Cap'n Jack Flint's Pirate Ship and is designed for the young at heart who periodically like to scare themselves silly.

It's a big swinging boat for 54 persons that goes sixty feet into the air.

A pendulous motion gives the rider the sensation of traveling on a giant swing.

The ride is so popular at some amusement parks that it draws longer lines than the roller coaster, said Boardwalk spokesman Glenn La Frank.

Hopes are that the ride will be installed in February, said Charles Canfield, vice-president of the Seaside Company, operators of the Boardwalk.

The manufacturer is the Arrow-Huss Inc. amusement ride firm, headquartered in Utah.

It was the Arrow company that mas-termined the famous Matterhorn rollercoaster ride at Disneyland in Anaheim in 1959.

Arrow has also left its mark on other

popular Disneyland rides: a kid-pleasing boat ride with a miniaturized, up-with-people tour of the world that deposits its theme song — "it's a small, small world" — inside the rider's brain, to be left there for several hours after disembarkment; the cool and jaunty "Pirates of the Caribbean" cruise through treasurehunt country; and the "Haunted Mansion" that's too scary for some people with heart conditions.

Other white-knuckle specialties from Arrow include "The Tidal Wave" and "The Demon."

Arrow-Huss, formerly located in Scotts Valley, specializes in loop-screws, double-loops and interlocking-loops.

Arrow pioneered development of log flume rides in 1963, and is the builder of the Boardwalk's log ride.

In 1982, the Huss Trading Corp. of Switzerland bought Arrow, and thus was born Arrow-Huss.

The generic name for the Cap'n Flint ride is Pirat (cq).

In the meantime, one of the oldest sections of the Boardwalk — where the

Ferris wheel had been located — has been rebuilt to make way for the Pirate Ship.

The Ferris wheel has been moved to the opposite end of the Boardwalk, near the flume ride and has been repositioned with a slightly different tilt to give riders a somewhat better view of the ocean, said La Frank.

Most of the work on the half-million-dollar reconstruction project, completed this week, was underground.

The reconstruction took 84,000 square feet of lumber, 167 new pilings, 1,000 metal connectors, 900 bolts and 30 yards of concrete, said Carl Henn, Boardwalk assistant maintenance superintendent.

There was demolition work, sand clearing and installation of new foundations.

The contractors were two local firms, Reese Construction Co. and Granite Construction Co.

The reconstruction was part of ongoing work to keep the Boardwalk "clean and safe," said general manager, Ed Hutton.