

TREASURE COVE-SOLUTION

Jack - Aqua - Silver.

Green Beard - Dark Blue - Pearls.

One_Eyed Mary - Green - Bronze.

Tortuga - Red - Gold.

Sad Sack - Gold - Map.

step-by-step:

- The first clue "**The captain of the Green ship did not find the Map (or the Pearls) and was not Green Beard (who did not find the Silver or Bronze) .**"

Straightforward elimination clue in both Column **Green (ship) - Map, and Pearls.** Then for the Row **Green Beard - Green, Silver, Bronze.**

- The next clue is "**Jack was not the captain of either the Red or Green Ship.**"

Again a simple elimination clue , in Row **Jack - Red, and Green.**

- The next clue states "**The Gold ship was piloted by Sad Sack and did not find the Pearls.**"

Our first solution clue, locate grid square [**Sad Sack - Gold**] and click until a 'green box' appears, then proceed with Row eliminations **Sad Sack - Red, Dark Blue, Green, Aqua , and Pearls.**

Next we make our Column eliminations : **Gold - Jack, Green Beard, One-Eyed Mary, Tortuga and Pearls.**

- The next clue "**Either Tortuga or Green Beard found the Gold (but, not in the Gold ship).**"

Provides further elimination clues in **both** Gold Columns **Gold - Jack, One-Eyed Mary, and Sad Sack** and do not forget to eliminate **Gold - Gold .**

- Our next clue "**The one in the Aqua colored ship (who is not Mary or Green Beard) found the Silver.**"

Begin with these eliminations : Column **Aqua - Mary, and Green**

Beard , then we are given another solution **Aqua - Silver**,

From which we can now make the eliminations for Row **Silver - Red, Dark Blue, Green , and Gold** , and in Column **Aqua - Pearls, Gold, Map, and Bronze** .

- Our last clue is " **Either (Tortuga or Mary) in the red ship found the Gold.**"

On reading this clue, it should come to mind that a prior clue (" ... **Either Tortuga or Green Beard found the Gold...**"), means that Tortuga must be the captain of **the red ship ...that found the Gold** , which

leads to the following solutions (highlight with 'green boxes'), for Row : **Tortuga - Red** and **Tortuga - Gold** , and Column **Red - Gold** ,

from which we can now make our logical eliminations, back to

Row **Tortuga - Dark Blue, Green, Aqua, Silver, Pearls, Map , and Bronze** , and Columns **Gold - Green Beard**, and **Red - Green Beard, One-Eyed Mary, Pearls, Map, and Bronze**, (and back to) Row **Gold - Dark Blue, Green**.

**** NOTE **** : (This will lead to any number of solutions by viewing the different grid square combinations :)

(i) **Pearls - Dark Blue** which eliminates **Dark Blue - Map and Bronze** , and

(ii) **Map - Gold** and eliminates **Bronze - Gold** , allowing us to solve the final lower combination :

(iii) **Bronze - Green** .

We also see there remains in the **Aqua** Column one possible solution : **Aqua - Jack** , which by logical deduction makes another solution :

Jack - Silver (in the Row Jack), which allows the following eliminations (still in Row Jack)

Jack - Dark Blue, Pearls, Map, Bronze . And any number of

subsequent solutions:

Green Beard - Dark Blue, from which it follows **Green Beard - Pearls**, and the last solutions:

One-Eyed Mary - Green, **One-Eyed Mary - Bronze**, and the completion of our game :

Sad Sack - Map.

- Congratulations! Puzzle solved. To summarize:
Jack - Aqua - Silver.
Green Beard - Dark Blue - Pearls.
One_Eyed Mary - Green - Bronze.
Tortuga - Red - Gold.
Sad Sack - Gold - Map.