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[Posted July 18, 2011](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18176-period-correct-barrels/&do=findComment&comment=401845) (edited) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18176-period-correct-barrels/&do=reportComment&comment=401845)

Anyone know of a manufacturer of period correct (17th century) barrels?

Obviously barrels were put to a lot more uses than just storage and transportation of goods during the 17th century. For bonus points - does anyone know what for or why those rectangular holes are cut into the barrels? I have no idea.

**Edited July 27, 2011 by Ivan Henry aka Moose**

[**Capt. Bo of the WTF co.**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/2748-capt-bo-of-the-wtf-co/)

* Scourge o' the 7 Seas
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* Member
* 2,339 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Spanish Louisiana - on the river Osage
* Interests:Many and varied.

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Our rural electric co-op puts out a monthly magazine and they feature Missouri businesses in each issue. A few months back, earlier this year they did feature a home-grown cooper business that makes barrels for the wine and whiskey industries. The guy that started the business was really knowledgeable and the article stated that he had been researching barrel history as far back as he could. I don't know if they are doing wooden hopps but I doubt it for everyday production, as there would be very little demand, but they might be willing to do some custom work. I'll dig around and see what i can find for contact info.

Bo

[**Cuisto Mako**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/10777-cuisto-mako/)

* Ship's Master
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* Member
* 152 posts

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I think you might find some from amish markets from time to time. But they do are hard to find, plus wooden hoops don't last very long. Wasn't a big deal back in the days when every small village had at least one guy that knew how to fix them, but now days, it is quite a challenge...

[**jendobyns**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/11262-jendobyns/)

* Pyrate Captain
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* Member
* 562 posts
* Gender:Female
* Location:Baltimore
* Interests:too numerous to mention, really. Period foodways, baroque dance, material culture, etc., etc.

[Posted July 19, 2011](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18176-period-correct-barrels/&do=findComment&comment=401860) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18176-period-correct-barrels/&do=reportComment&comment=401860)

No idea why there are rectangular cuts in the barrel, but the object to the right, that looks like a step-stool with a hole in it, is very interesting. It looks like a primitive close-stool, but also appears to be missing it's lid (if it was supposed to have one). If that's what it is, instead of an odd brazier. Either way, it's kind of odd and interesting.

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 On 7/19/2011 at 0:27 PM, jendobyns said:

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Might be a urinal ....

[**Gentleman of Fortune**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/1651-gentleman-of-fortune/)

* Dread Pyrate
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* Member
* 1,456 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Germany... Franconia (northern Bavaria)
* Interests:I \*used\* to be an environmental scientist, until I married a DoDDs teacher in 1997. Since then, I have been living in, and traveling around, Europe (First the UK, now Germany).

My hobbies are all the "usual suspects" for those interested in re-enacting and Golden Age of Piracy stuff.... but I have drifted away from the pirate scene as my location and young family don't allow for any more than "virtual" pirate participation. Besides Piracy, I am into Reverend Guitars and Vintage Corvettes.

[Posted July 19, 2011](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18176-period-correct-barrels/&do=findComment&comment=401863) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18176-period-correct-barrels/&do=reportComment&comment=401863)

There was another thread discussing this topic...

My personal opinion is that during the GAOP, most normal sized wood barrels should/would have wooden hoops. Only the very largest during this time period may be iron hooped... and those would be too big to use at an event.

I believe there was a guy out of Czech or Poland that was making "reasonably" sized wooden barrels with wood hoops... but shipping might be a bear.

I am unsure of any Stateside wood hoop coopers...

[**michaelsbagley**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/3724-michaelsbagley/)

* Smells Like Wet Sheep
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* Moderator
* 2,548 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Columbus, Ohio
* Interests:Mostly into GAoP, but starting to develop more Buccaneer era stuff for re-enacting as well. Generally I do re-enact both piratical/nautical and other impressions from the period. I am focusing on more "common" impressions from the period (i.e. average sailor/pirate, rank and file Red Coat, early Colonial huntsman, etc.)

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Now that GoF mentioned the other barrel topic... didn't someone (like Patrick Hand) post a scanned image with directions on how to replace metal hoops with willow ones in that thread?

Try this link... I think I managed to find it on my pocket device! 

[**Fox**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/1019-fox/)

* Old Twillian
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* Moderator
* 2,564 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Beautiful lush Devon, England
* Interests:Nautical history of the 16-18th centuries and living history based thereon.

Shooting pirates.

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I don't want to think about the cost of shipping barrels from Poland to the US, but Matuls can provide wood hooped casks and other coopered goods:

<http://www.matuls.pl/index.php?IDP=1&Lng=en&IDKategoria=9>

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 On 7/19/2011 at 6:53 PM, Foxe said:

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[http://www.matuls.pl...n&IDKategoria=9](http://www.matuls.pl/index.php?IDP=1&Lng=en&IDKategoria=9)

Holy Crap! Those are nice! I guess I will need to explore the shipping aspect..... :-)

MB - You just knew that after our conversation I was going to bring this topic up again! 

[**Grymm**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/10793-grymm/)

* First Mate
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* Member
* 281 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Chilterns UK
* Interests:Stuff

[Posted July 20, 2011](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18176-period-correct-barrels/&do=findComment&comment=401870) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18176-period-correct-barrels/&do=reportComment&comment=401870)

You get hazel, withy and lathe bindings on barrels, also rope, copper and iron. Some are flatpack, designed to be stripped down to staves and heads for transportation when empty.

Dunno 'bout new but there's plenty of ex wine barrels about over there for conversion <http://www.usedwinebarrels.com/> But that's only one shape, period images of barrels show tall and thin as well as the more familiar squat shape.

Barrels do need looking after, the 30odd big casks work got for'set dressing' fell apart after a year or two, the hazel and withy hoops dry and crack then spring leaving you with a barrel jigsaw. Modern central heating isn't good for them either, dries them out too much. Some are made to be kept wet and vicky verka. Essentially they are disposable items and think hard before investing your hard earned cash as you may have to replace it every couple of years.

[**PoD**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/10743-pod/)

* Pyrate Captain
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* Member
* 696 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Warrington UK
* Interests:Pirates, graphic novels, computer art, Listening to music, Going to gigs, Beer and Wine drinking, historical research, Period weaponry and Leatherwork

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the powder kegs I am in the process of making have steel straps but I am going to disguise these with withy loops so they cant be seen. Should make the barrels more durable.

[**Bright**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/5106-bright/)

* Plunderer
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* Member
* 380 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:South Carolina
* Interests:He has been seen most recently in the company of the Charles Town Few and rumored to be their Quarter master

[Posted July 25, 2011](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18176-period-correct-barrels/&do=findComment&comment=401950) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18176-period-correct-barrels/&do=reportComment&comment=401950)

Here be some in the USA

<http://kentuckybarrels.com/kegs.html>

[**Calico Jack**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/953-calico-jack/)

* Ship's Master
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* Member
* 126 posts
* Location:Port o' Halifax, New Scotland...

[Posted July 27, 2011](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18176-period-correct-barrels/&do=findComment&comment=401987) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18176-period-correct-barrels/&do=reportComment&comment=401987)

Ross Farm in Nova Scotia sell barrels in assorted sizes, built with wooden hoops.

<http://www.lanephotography.com/ross_farm/making_wooden_barrels/making_wooden_barrels.htm>

<http://museum.gov.ns.ca/rfm/en/home/visitus/museumshop.aspx>

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Thanks for that! I've contacted the folks at Ross Farms.

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and the winner is..... Ross Farms! Great stuff! Thanks for the link!

[**Littleneckhalfshell**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/4-littleneckhalfshell/)

* Plunderer
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* Member
* 390 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Hudson Valley, NY
* Interests:Blacksmithing, hunting, fishing, stuff.......

[Posted August 24, 2011](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18176-period-correct-barrels/&do=findComment&comment=402455) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18176-period-correct-barrels/&do=reportComment&comment=402455)

in what range are their prices?