

Roleplaying is magic homebrew race: Capricorns

Capricorns are a race of amphibious goat-fish hybrids that appear in a group of fanfiction known as the Scootaverse. those stories are written by [Defender2222](#) on FimFiction.net. This document is made with his permission and details are made with his input. Capricorns as they appear here as well as the characters of Lord Tydal, his family, and all pre existing capricorn characters belong to him.

Appearance: The majority of a capricorn's body resembles that of a goat, however their eyes are slitted like a reptiles, there horns are very short, usually less than an inch, and they have sharp teeth. the most noticeable difference, however, comes from their hindquarters. a capricorns flank and hind legs are covered in microscopic scales that are smooth to the touch going towards the tale, but rough like high grit sandpaper going from the tale towards the body. the tale itself is long, somewhat flexible, and is built like that of a large predatory fish, with a dorsal fin on top, and two smaller fins joined at the end, forming a fan shaped propulsion fin. That fish like tail is appropriate because, as everyone knows, capricorns are half fish. What most ponies do not know is that the fish half is ,in fact, shark. The propulsion fin is also a lethal weapon. the fan-fin is as hard as steel and sharpened to a razor's edge, so unless you have a dragon's scales or a death wish, DO NOT TOUCH THE FIN! Capricorns have coats in the natural spectrum for goats, but can have manes in greys, browns, blacks, and blues, in addition to more natural colors. Greens, pinks, and reds are also possible, but no one outside of the royal family has demonstrated those colors. A capricorns scales will be the same colors as their mane. Capricorns are roughly the same size as ponies, with the males being the slightly larger than females. capricorns are also unique in that they have two independent respiratory systems. They posses a normal mammalian set of lungs, and gills like a sharks, the gills are only visible when under water, however, because on land they seal up, and are hidden by the capricorns fur. capricorns use the same age categories as ponies but, refer to them by different names as shown below in the section that deals with their culture and language

Culture: Capricorns are a proud warrior race, with a grand military tradition that dates back to the beginning of their civilization. Capricorns love battle, they love the idea of war, in fact there are rumors that in ancient times past, the capricorns would go to war with other warrior cultures, only for the war to end months later with no casualties on either side because the capricorns were having too much fun fighting their opponents to kill them. it has been confirmed that that events like this have happened with the capricorns allies the perytons(a race of winged reindeer native to cold frozen continents) one side or another would challenge the other to war for a few months just so they could have fun fighting, like a pickup game of hoofball in the park. needless to say the number one hobby among capricorns is practicing ones combat skills.

Capricorns society is an egalitarian meritocracy. everyone, regardless of the money they have or the deeds of their ancestors, begins life as an equal. It is only through one's actions that they advance in society. the top rungs of the societal ladder are filled with proven soldiers and other such people. while the slums are filled with the lazy and the cowardly. capricorns HATE

the concept of inherited noble titles, with their leader Lord Tydal having personally threatened to kill no less than 17 different snooty nobles on a visit to Canterlot

The capricorns of the mareatime have a strong sense of honor. Capricorns are taught from an early age that a battle without honor is not a battle worth fighting, and conversely that one has no honor if they are unwilling to fight to preserve it. capricorns will not tolerate cowardice, if you run away from battle, you had better have a *very* good reason.

All capricorns desire a good death, a life well lived is precious and, as such, must be ended in way that we be told of in song for generations to come. the preferred deaths for capricorns are gloriously in battle against a superior foe, or during or shortly after a grand adventure. no one knows how old capricorns live to be because the elderly tend to leave in search of a good death before they become too infirm.

Capricorn hold the protection of children to be very important. To many, it is the most sacred duty one can posses. The fastest way to die is to harm or threaten a child, of any species, in any way, in front of a capricorn. Lord Tydal himself once tortured a pony to death because the pony performed lewd acts in front of foals.

These noble O.C.s (Oceanic Creatures) have an odd way of interacting socially. Against people who annoy them, the capricorns have no qualms about getting violent. They are very respectful of casual acquaintances who have earned it, but constantly tease and insult those they consider close friends. On the Subject of teasing, if a capricorn threatens to kill you and does not immediately attempt to due so, they are most likely teasing.

Capricorns speak Equestrian with a few cultural adjustments. they use everyone instead of everypony. they use kid instead of foal, billy instead of colt, nanny instead of filly, buck instead of stallion, and doe instead of mare.

Finally, capricorns are predatory omnivores, this means they hunt non sentient animals for food, and supplement that with grown or foraged plants. They hunt mostly fish and avoid land creatures. They can and will eat land animals, but they usually do not bother hunting them because they are difficult to catch for beings that are built for swimming instead of running. Capricorns are capable of living off of a ponies diet, but dislike being completely herbivorous and thus will not unless they have no choice. There are also cases of capricorns drinking the blood of slain enemies, but in every known case this occurred when the capricorn was extremely dehydrated and very desperate for water, so to imply that they regularly drink the blood of sentients is a horrible slur against them. on an unrelated note Lord Tydal has been seen drinking a red smoothie after participating in a massive four way battle outside of appaloosa, make of that what you will

Mechanical abilities

Abilities: Capricorns are strong and fearsome warriors, who value honor and bravery above almost everything. this manifests as a +2 bonus to body, and a +1 bonus to heart.

Goat Legs: Capricorns have the legs of a goat. Goat legs are built for climbing, not running. As such capricorns gain a +1 bonus on rolls to climb, but a -1 penalty on rolls to run

Oceanic Creature: despite their amphibious abilities, capricorns are creature born of the ocean. this gives them several abilities that ponies can not hope to duplicate without powerful transformative magic. First, a capricorn can breathe water as well as air. Secondly, their eyes are adapted for seeing in the darkness at the bottom of the sea, and thus can see perfectly even in pitch darkness, taking no penalties for Vision impaired in such a way. Finally, a capricorn has the same speed and grace in the sea that pegasi have in the sky. A capricorn gains an additional attribute, called Aquabatics. a capricorn's starting aquabatics score is equal to its body score plus half of it's heart score. after character creation, the aquabatics score must be increased with Advancements as is normal for attributes. aquabatics applies to all rolls made to swim, and is added to the role in addition to the appropriate primary attribute.

note however that as ocean creatures, capricorns can not take the heat. a capricorn exposed to extreme dry heat without taking proper care to keep hydrated and stay out of the sun will take a point of fortitude damage every hour. this damage can not be healed by any means until the capricorn in question has been properly hydrated and rested in a cool environment for at least an hour. if a capricorn is taken out from this damage, then they become paralyzed, delusional, and will start to cook like a fish in an oven. if the capricorn does not get relief immediately they will die within the next two to three hours.

Tail-Blade: a capricorns tale is a razor sharp blade. a capricorn using their tale as a weapon or a cutting implement treats it as an appropriate tool.

Capricorn Magic: with the exception of Lord Tydal, who is as powerful as Princess Celestia, most capricorns have very little magical ability. what they do have is limited to hydrokinesis, the manipulation of water. treat them as though they had the animate effect magical aspect and water subject magical aspect to improvise with, but no proper spells to cast.

capricorn kids: Like pegasus and unicorn foals, Capricorn Kids can not use their abilities as well as more mature members of their species. a kid can not use magic and adds only half of their Aquabatics attribute to swimming rolls.

Capricorn advancements.

The following advancements are specific to Capricorns and as such can only be taken by capricorn characters. In addition to these Advancements, a Capricorn can take the Hoof to Hoof Combat, and Tail Proficiency advancements Normally denied to non ponies or non dragons, respectively.

Lord of the Sea

cost:5 XP

effect: The Capricorns Aquabatics Score is increased by 1 permanently

note: This Advancement can be taken more than once

Surfing Shark

cost: 10 XP

effect: you have been training long and hard to strengthen the muscles in your tail, and as such can treat it as an appropriate tool for swimming as well as cutting. any effect that improves the Tool bonus of the tail, Such as the Tail proficiency Advancement improve both aspects of the tail.

Capricorn Magician

cost:10 XP

effect:Whether it be from an inborn talent, good breeding or dedicated training, you posses much more Magical Mojo than the average Capricorn. You may buy new Magical Aspects with the New magic Trick advancement.

note: All of a Capricorn magical improvisations must be tied to water in some way, even if the combination of aspects does not include the Water Aspect. for example the Capricorn Magician could use Forge and Weather to make a cloud, as clouds are made of water vapour, but could not use it to make the wind blow.

Oceanic Sorcerer

cost: 15 XP

Prerequisites: Capricorn Magician

Effect: Rare is the Capricorn with this level of proficiency in magic.The Capricorn can Now use Magic almost as well as the average unicorn. When Improvising the Capricorn no longer has to keep his magic themed around water. the Capricorn may also learn, create, and improve spells. Unlike a Unicorn, the Capricorn must know all of the aspects that are part of a Spell that they are being taught, and any Spell that does include the Water Aspect, or relate to water in any way, costs twice as much experience to learn. When taking this Advancement the capricorn also gains one Spell at first level that Includes the water aspect.

Note: the Heat Aspect is exempt from this modification, Improvisations including it must still be related to water, and the Capricorn can not learn Spells with the Heat Aspect at all, Unless the Spell also includes the water Aspect.

Sea Wizard

cost: 5XP

prerequisites: Oceanic Sorcerer, GM's permission

Effect: Capricorns with this level of magical power are impossible to find, appearing only once in several generations. maybe they are distantly related to the royal family or maybe they have a recent unicorn ancestor. whatever the cause they are not to be trifled with. All of the restriction to the Heat Aspect are dropped, though Spells with it that are not related to water are limited to

level one, and the Capricorn may learn the Telekinesis Prime Aspect and it's corresponding Spell if they can find a unicorn willing to teach it.

Capricorn specific flaw: O.C. Stigma

there are some bigoted ponies that believe that Oceanic Creatures are incredibly arrogant, believing that they deserve grander adventure, have better powers, greater love lives, and generally acting like bad Original Characters in poorly written fan fiction. while there are some capricorns that act like that, there are just as many ponies who do as well. regardless of that fact, a Character that has this flaw runs into such bigots on a regular basis, and thus takes a -1 penalty on all social rolls made against non capricorns that are unfamiliar with either the character or capricorns in general.

Example Capricorns

Lord Tydal: Lord of all Capricorns and King of the Mareatine Ocean, Tydal is not to be reckoned with. He has Dozens of royal duties and very much wishes his subjects would let him do them. The capricorns' protectiveness of children comes from Tydal, as Lord Tydal loves children. To quote the Goat himself "They are cute and make me go d'awwww." I swear to Celestia those are his own words. He has a shared history with Princess Celestia and Princess Luna, and considers the two to be part of his family. the Specifics of the relationship are known only to the Sisters and the Capricorn Royal family, however

Queen Merida: Wife of Lord Tydal and Queen of the Mareatine Ocean, in addition to her Royal Duties, Meridia is the most beloved Kindergarten teacher in the Sea. Legend Has it that she was not always a capricorn, or even native to this world. according to myth Lord tydal was sucked into a vortex and trapped in another word ruled by hairless primates, with himself becoming one of them. on his adventure in this land he met and fell in love with a warrior princess, and when he returned she came with him, transformed by the portal into a capricorn like himself. Like Tydal's relationship to The Royal Pony Sisters, the truth of the matter is known only to the royals.

Princesses Coral and Misty: Twin Daughters of Tydal and Merida, the Princesses are the joint captains of the royal Guard. In addition to those duties, Coral is an event coordinator and Misty is the royal Chef. The twins bear a passing resemblance to Pinkie Pie, bearer of the Element of Laughter, though only Princess Coral resembles her in personality.