

Piet Hein - Pirate

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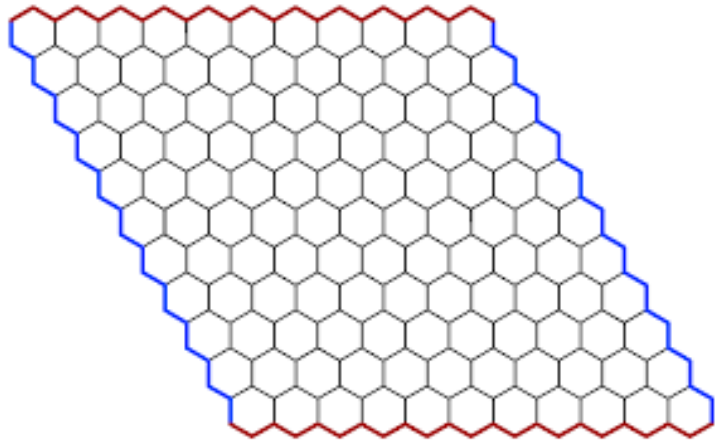
IJmuiden Holiday Inn

The conference room was named for Piet Hein



Piet Hein invented:

The Soma Cube



The Game of Hex



The Superellipse

Also Tangloids, TacTix, the Superegg, and more ...



Piet Hein, 1905–1996

Born 16 Dec 1905, Copenhagen

Studied at the Institute for Theoretical Physics, Copenhagen

Niels Bohr was a colleague and friend

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Losing one glove
is certainly painful,
but nothing
compared to the pain
of losing one,
throwing away the other,
and finding
the first one again.

During WW2, when Germany invaded Denmark, Piet joined the Resistance
He published “Grooks”, aphoristic poems, under a pseudonym

In later years, involved with home styling design and town planning

So what was in the Conference Room?....



Not quite what I expected!



The other Piet Hein...

Piet Pieterzoon Hein – born 25 Nov 1577, Delft

Admiral and Privateer ...

In his 20s, captured by the Spanish
Spent 4 years as a Galley Slave

Became a Captain in the Dutch East India Company,
Then an admiral in the Dutch West India Company
Captured the Brazilian city of Salvador

In 1628, captured a Spanish Treasure Fleet

Died in battle 26 March 1629

The Danish Piet Hein was a
linear descendent

