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n.

1. A pirate or privateer, especially along the Barbary Coast.
2. A swift pirate ship, often operating with official sanction.

[French *corsaire*, from Old Provençal *corsari*, from Old Italian *corsaro*, from Medieval Latin *cursārius*, from *cursus*, plunder, from Latin, run, course; see [COURSE](#).]

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