

Canadian Navy sponsoring the 250th-anniversary commemorative re-enactment of the 1760 Amherst Flotilla.

The Amherst Flotilla Summer 2010

This is an advance notice that the Colonial Sailor Program of the Canadian Navy will sponsor the 250th-anniversary, commemorative re-enactment of the Amherst Flotilla of 1760, when British forces descended the St. Lawrence River toward Montreal in the final major campaign of the French and Indian War/Seven Years' War in North America.

Longboats, whaleboats, bateaux and their crews will be offered attractive contracts to undertake the Flotilla voyage in correct dress of 1760 and encamping 18th-century style. The Flotilla will commence at Kingston, Ontario, based either at HMCS CATARACQUI Naval Reserve Division or the Royal Military College. It will then voyage a unique, history-rich, and little-known course through the hidden channels and passages of the spectacular Thousand Islands to Prescott, Ontario, across the river from Ogdensburg, New York (site of Fort de la Présentation) over a one-week period, camping en route in beautiful locations such as the islands of St. Lawrence Islands National Park. Flotilla Commander will be Mark Pergunas of the Thousand Islands River Heritage Society, an experienced riverman and capable longboat commander on the Saint Lawrence.

The Amherst Flotilla will likely shove off July 10, 2010 and put in at Founder's Day Weekend Saturday, July 17 as part of the final French and Indian War 250th-Anniversary Commemoration in New York at the site of Fort de la Présentation.

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