

The Naval Establishment
1812 Crown Forces North America
announces

The Yeo Cup

A serious, Outward Bound-level weekend passagemaking competition in midsummer for traditional open boats of the 1812 era under oar and sail, in competition for the Sir James Lucas Yeo Cup, a Purse of \$500.00, and drinking tankards for all participating boat crew members.

Summer 2008

Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the laying of the keel of His Britannic Majesty's Ship *Royal George* at Navy Bay, Kingston, Upper Canada.

Conditions

The competing boats shall be open boats of traditional 18th or 19th Century design, and shall be powered by oar and sail only over the course of the competition. Engines, if fitted, will only be used for safety reasons and will constitute a withdrawal from the competition. The boats shall carry all food, water, and navigation gear, and camping equipment to allow self-sustaining encampment over the course of the weekend. Boats must also carry all required CCG/USCG safety equipment, including PFDs, for their size and category. Crews shall wear traditional 1812-era basic dress as a condition of entry, but foul weather gear, boat safety gear, food equipment and all camping gear may be modern. Tents, however, must be of historical pattern.

The Course

Dependent on wind conditions, from Royal Military College dock, Navy Bay, Kingston, to Sackets Harbor, New York, and return, on one of the following courses:

From Navy Bay westward by the North Channel to the easternmost end of Amherst Island; thence to Sackets Harbor, New York; from Sackets Harbor to the Boat Channel between Wolfe Island and Simcoe Island, and thence back to Navy Bay

Or

From Navy Bay through the Boat Channel between Wolfe and Simcoe Islands, thence coastally to Sackets Harbor, New York: from Sackets Harbor to Cape Vincent and then either by Nine Mile Point and Snake Island to Navy Bay or by Carleton island and Quebec Head at the eastern end of Wolfe Island to Navy Bay.

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Start and End Point

Accommodation for the beginning and end of The Yeo Cup shall be sought in HMS *Stone Frigate*, Royal Military College of Canada, which served as the storehouse for the rigging and stores of Sir James Lucas Yeo's flagship HMS *Saint Lawrence* at the close of the War of 1812. An excellent boat ramp, secure parking, and messing privileges at the College will be sought and should be granted.

Kingston and Sackets Harbor

The handsome port of Kingston was selected as the naval base for the Provincial Marine on the loss of Carleton Island after the American Revolution. On the assumption of control of the Lakes fleets by the Royal Navy in 1813 under Commodore Sir James Lucas Yeo, it became the RN base on Lake Ontario for the war and some time thereafter. Royal Military College is built upon the War of 1812 Navy Yard location.

Sackets Harbor, now a beautiful village of great historical charm, was formerly a French military post known as Niaoure Bay. It was selected at the beginning of the War of 1812 to be the United States Navy base for Lake Ontario, and was the home port of the USN Lake Ontario fleet under the command of Commodore Isaac Chauncey for the duration of the war,

Expressions of Interest

Entry in this competition should only be contemplated by boats and crews capable of seaworthiness and passagemaking in open-ocean conditions. To express preliminary interest in The Yeo Cup and be placed on the mailing list for the event, contact:

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