



## Halifax 2009



For your long-range calendar, we're pleased to announce that H.M.S. *Badger* may be participating in a major naval event in Halifax in July of 2009. Under the coordination of Vic Suthren, this event will commemorate the 300th Anniversary of the Royal Navy Dockyard in Halifax harbour, and will feature Tall Ships, a flotilla of smaller vessels, a spectacular sail-past, and much more. Pending the working out of logistics necessary to trailer *Badger* to the east coast (and rig and launch her when we arrive), we hope to be part of this exciting event. Stay tuned for more updates!

## Gun Crew Uniforms

H.M.S. *Badger* often carries 2 cannon when we participate in various events, and when our Gun Crew fires a salute it's always a crowd-pleaser. Gunners of the 1812-1815 period wore a red vest, and here is one theory as to why...

Gun Crews on rated Royal Navy warships were hand picked and primarily trained to man and maintain the ship's guns, and in addition, trained by Royal Marines on the use of small arms such as the flintlock pistol, musket, and blunderbus. A Royal Marine section on each warship was detailed to assist gunners during fighting action and landing and boarding parties.

Royal Navy gunnery was considered the most devastatingly accurate of any world navy of the period. It is thought that the gunners therefore adopted a vest (matching the red of the Royal Marine tunics) to distinguish themselves as Royal Navy gunners.



74-gun ship

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*The Board wishes to thank all current Membership and the Penetanguishene Centennial Museum for their enthusiastic support of The Ship's Company and the preservation and presentation of Marine Heritage.*



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These planned activities and events are available for all Ship's Company with current (2008) membership. For further information or updates, just email us at

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Saturday Evening, March 8

*Ship's Company Ceilidh, Knights of Columbus Hall  
Penetanguishene*

- Mon. & Thurs. Evenings, 'till May 5 -

*Boatbuilding/rigging in the Boatshop 7-9 pm*

- Thurs. May 8, 7 pm -

*Badger launch, Penetanguishene Town Dock*

- Sat. May 10, 9 am to 3 pm

*Mast stepping and rigging, Town Dock & Hindson Marina,  
Followed by BBQ at Mark and Joanne's*

- Mon. May 12, 6:30 pm to 9 pm

*Rigging, Town Dock*

- Thursdays, 'til September 4 -

*Sail training, 6:30 pm to 9 pm, departing from Town Dock*

- Sat. June 7-

*Port McNicoll "Doors Open Ontario" Event*

-Sat. June 14-

*Children's Day at*

*Penetanguishene Centennial Museum*

-Sat. June 28 -

*Canada Day Event at Penetanguishene Centennial Museum,  
followed by afternoon sail*

-Sat-Sun, July 19-20 -

*"School of the Sailor" event, Discovery Harbour, Penetanguishene*

-Friday To Sun., July 25-27 -

*"Wasaga Under Siege" Re-enactment, Wasaga Beach*

- Sat. Aug. 9, 9 am to 5 pm-

*Sail to Giant's Tomb for swim and picnic*

- Sat. Aug. 23 -

*Coldwater Canadiana Museum Event*

- Sundays, Sept. 14 to Sept. 28, 2-5 pm

*Sail Training, departing from Town Dock*

- Sat. Sept. 13 -

*Traditional "End of Season" party at Ted and Ruth's, Orr Lake*

Sat. Sept. 20, 10 am to 5 pm

*Fort Willow Heritage Festival, near Barrie*

Thurs. Oct. 2, 7-9 pm

*Begin derigging, Town Dock*

- Sat, Oct. 4, 9 am to 5 pm -

*Derigging at Town Dock and Hindson Marina, Badger haulout,  
followed by evening Pot Luck dinner at Bill's*