

The Bougainville Voyage

Carillon (Ticonderoga) to Ile aux Noix
June 2015



A reconstruction of the principal Lake Champlain movements of Louis-Antoine de Bougainville on Lake Champlain during the French and Indian War, from 1756 to 1760

The voyage will be conducted in 18th Century dress by volunteer crew who will meet their own expenses. The voyage vessel, the longboat replica *Witch*, renamed *La Sorciere* for the voyage, will be trailered to Ticonderoga, where the voyage will commence with an encampment overnight at the fort and departure from the fort beach northward. Crew will rotate as drivers of the support vehicle as required if it has not be pre-positioned northward.

Operating under sail and oar, the longboat will retrace Bougainville's principal movements on the lake, voyaging to period encampments at Crown Point; the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum; Ausable Point; Cumberland Bay State Park; Ile la Motte; Rouse's Point; and finally, the expedition destination of Fort Lennox on Ile-aux-noix, where Bougainville commanded the garrison in 1760. On arrival at Ile-aux-noix, the voyage will finish with a last encampment in or near the fort, then the haul-out of the boat at the mainland marina nearby and a departure by road for home. Camping is to be in period tenting, with all encampment materials carried in the support vehicle, and all visible equipment and clothing is to be historical rather than modern.

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