



Registration is Now Open

Registrations are now open electronically for individuals and crews interested in participating in the Sunshine Coast Journey from Egmont to Ambleside from June 13 to 18, 2017.

Go to voyageurbrigade.org/future-brigades/sunshine-coast-brigade-2017

As we paddle through the waters of the Sechelt and Squamish First Nations our goals are to promote cultural cooperation and water stewardship, while educating paddlers and local citizens about the historically important roles of First Nations canoe cultures in the establishment of Canada.

Our Journey will be made up of crews consisting of 9-12 paddlers paddling "big canoes" 22 to 36 foot long replicating canoes used for trading by First Nations and Voyageurs. We anticipate 10-12 canoes each with a crew of 9-12 paddlers. We will paddle 20-30 kilometers each day. While the first and last days (14th and 18th June) are designed for experienced paddlers only, during the remaining days there will be the opportunity for outrigger canoes, dragon boats, SUPs and kayaks to join in the fun and celebrations.

We start in Egmont with a carefully timed paddle through

the tidal rapids of Skoomchuck Narrows and down the beautiful Sechelt Inlet. The next day we recreate a portage across the town of Sechelt where we put our canoes in the water for an exploratory paddle towards Sergeant Bay and returning to camp in Sechelt. Next day we paddle to Gibsons, stopping for lunch in the quirky artistic community of Roberts Creek. Gibsons Landing, home of the Beachcomber, will be local food and beer, evening entertainment and a beautiful paddle around the Paisley Islands.

On the final day we rise early for a long paddle across Howe Sound to Bowen Island, and Ambleside in West Vancouver. Opportunities to observe wildlife such as bald eagles, other species of duck and shorebirds, seals, dolphins and whales (if we are lucky) will abound throughout the entire journey. Socializing with local residents during the festivities planned at the ocean side communities we will visit is also an important part of this special celebration. This will be an amazing way to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary while again seeing many canoes together on the ocean as in centuries past.

The registration deadline for the Journey is April 1st, 2017, so register early to ensure you are in the crew of one of the 12 canoes we can accommodate.

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The Voyageur Brigade Society was established in 2009 to ensure the enthusiasm of the canoe culture that help build and join Canada from coast to coast.

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