



## **150 Tonne Academy for Masters & Mates**

### **Bytown Brigantine To Offer Unique 150-Tonne Training Academy At Sea**

Bytown Brigantine of Ottawa, operators of the 110-foot Sail Training Vessel *Fair Jeanne*, will be offering a unique training opportunity during the course of a major southern voyage to be carried out by the vessel over the winter of 2006-2007. Celebrating the Silver Jubilee of *Fair Jeanne*, a traditionally-rigged brigantine built by renowned Canadian naval hero Captain Tommy Fuller as a platform for youth and adult sail training, the voyage will take the ship from the Great lakes down the Mississippi and on into the Caribbean before returning to Canada by the East Coast in 2007.

In anticipation of the issuance by Transport Canada of a new 150-Tonne Domestic "Ticket" for Masters and Mates of sailing vessels of Canadian registry, Bytown Brigantine will be offering on board *Fair Jeanne* a unique Training Academy which will prepare participants for Transport Canada 150-Tonne certification. The Academy will be conducted by Canada's most experienced oceangoing Master under sail, Captain Martyn Clark of Victoria, British Columbia, and his wife Margaret. Captain Clark has sailed over 200,000 kilometres of the world's oceans under sail, and is the sole qualified Sail Endorsement examiner in Transport Canada's command certification process. The Academy will be conducted over a key period during which *Fair Jeanne* will voyage into the Eastern and Western Caribbean on a "Voyage Of Discovery", providing participants not only with close instructional guidance from Captain Clark, but the practical environment of Trade Wind tropical passage making and island exploration in one of Canada's most able and well-traveled "tall ships".

Interested individuals with extensive sailing backgrounds, individuals of a non-sailing background wishing to upgrade their commercial endorsements to the 150-Tonne level, or individuals of modest sailing experience who are interested in working toward a recognized qualification as part of a once-in-a-lifetime experience, are invited to consider inquiring about the 150-Tonne Academy.

For further information about the 150-Tonne Academy, the Silver Jubilee Voyage of the STV *Fair Jeanne*, or Bytown Brigantine, contact:

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