

Black Loyalist 225 / Amistad Weekend

This year the *Freedom Schooner Amistad* will be visiting Nova Scotia as part of the celebration of the 225th anniversary of the arrival of the Black Loyalists in our province to establish the first and largest free Black community in Nova Scotia. (Coincidentally, 2008 also marks the beginning of a two-year celebration of the 175th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the British Empire, in 1833/34.)

Amistad will arrive in Shelburne unofficially on Friday, August 8. From the evening of August 8 until noon on Monday, August 11, *Amistad* will be berthed at the Government Wharf in Shelburne and will take part in a variety of events as part of the Loyalist 225 celebrations. Among those events will be a Youth Diversity Sail that is being offered free of charge.

The *Amistad* Youth Sail

WHAT? *Amistad America, Inc.* promotes improved relationships between races and cultures by educating the public through common experiences and dialogue based on the lessons of freedom, justice perseverance, cooperation and leadership arising from the historic Amistad incident of 1839, symbolized by the *Freedom Schooner Amistad*.

The *Freedom Schooner Amistad* will be visiting the Port of Shelburne. A youth discussion forum on racial diversity and leadership, combined with a sailing excursion, are being offered to a limited number of youth.

WHEN? Sunday, August 10
10:00am to noon: Sankofa Youth Sail Workshop (BLHS Board Room)
1:00pm to 4:00pm: Sankofa Youth Sail (Shelburne Harbour)

WHO? Diverse youth groups in the 13 to 18 age range who are: interested in discussing issues of diversity and racial harmony, seeking a better understanding of the Amistad mission and wanting to take part in sailing the *Freedom Schooner Amistad*.

COST? Free

WHERE? BLHS Board Room (Birchtown Community Centre) and the Shelburne Yacht Club

HOW? Fill out the following information and fax it or drop it off to Beverly Cox, BLHS Site Manager, 98 Old Birchtown Road, Shelburne County, NS, email beverly@blackloyalist.com or telephone 875-1606.

FAX #: 902-875-1352

Application Deadline: Thursday, August 7th, 2008

Freedom Schooner Amistad Youth Forum & Sail Application

Name: _____ Age: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Why do you want to participate in the Freedom Schooner Amistad Youth Forum and Sail? (Attach an additional sheet if required)

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Parental Consent: I hereby give permission for _____ to participate in the Freedom Schooner Amistad Youth Forum and Sail.

Signature:

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