

## **Ship *Prince of Wales***

### **Ship Particulars**

The *Prince of Wales* was a full rigged ship built in 1793 for the Hudson Bay Company. It was registered as a 342 ton vessel. [[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prince\\_of\\_Wales\\_\(1793\\_ship\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prince_of_Wales_(1793_ship))] and Lloyd's Register, and see also:

[https://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/\\_docs/hbca/ships\\_histories/prince-of-wales-i-1792-1844.pdf](https://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/_docs/hbca/ships_histories/prince-of-wales-i-1792-1844.pdf) ].

### **Voyage**

The Hudson Bay Company ship was accompanied by two other vessels on a 1821 voyage from Britain to Hudson Bay when it was caught amongst sea ice and icebergs in Hudson Strait.

*Prince of Wales* log book entry [from Ships' Log-Books, Sea Ice and the Cold Summer of 1816 in Hudson Bay and Its Approaches, A.J.W. CATCHPOLE and MARCIA-ANNE FAURER, ARCTIC VOL. 38, NO. 2 (JUNE 1985) P. 121.128

“Thursday 24 July [1821], Laying at Grappling to a field of Ice Consorts fast to the piece. At 3 am it blowing a fresh breeze foggy with Rain, we perceived the Ship drifting on an Isle of Ice close to us, began to haul the Ship away to clear it, the Ship drifting so very fast with the wind and Current we was not able to get clear, and it took us in the midships and stove the Starboard side from the Bends upwards (The *Eddyston* and *Lord Willington* on each [side] of us just escaped). . . . (Hudson's Bay Company, log-book of ship *Prince of Wales*, ~1794, enclosure, 24 July 1821.)”

The vessel was punctured and shipping water at an alarming rate. The cargo transferred to the ship *Eddystone* to lighten vessel so that temporary repairs could be made.