

But what manner of ships were these in which the rival contestants were sailing? We learn that they consisted of coasting schooners, altered to carry guns, and of specially constructed warships.

The records given for 1813 are:

AMERICAN—CHAUNCEY'S SQUADRON, 1813.\*

Name.	Rig.	Tonnage.	Crew.	Guns.	Commander.
Madison .....	Ship .....	593	200	24	Com. Chauncey.
Oneida .....	Brig .....	243	100	16	Lieut. Woolsley.
Hamilton† .....	Schooner ..	112	50	10	Lieut. McPherson.
Scourge† .....	Schooner ..	110	50	9	Mr. Osgood.
Conquest .....	Schooner ..	82	40	6	Lieut. Pettigrew.
Tomkins .....	Schooner ..	96	30	8	Lieut. Brown.
Julia .....	Schooner ..	82	35	2	Mr. Trant.
Ontario .....	Schooner ..	53	35	2	Mr. Stevens.
Fair American .....	Schooner ..	53	35	2	Lieut. Chauncey
Pert .....	Schooner ..	50	25	1	Lieut. Adams.
Asp .....	Schooner ..	57	25	1	Lieut. Smith.
Pike‡ .....	Ship .....	875	300	28	Flagship.

BRITISH—YEO'S SQUADRON. §

Name.	Rig.	Tonnage.	Crew.	Guns.	Commander.
Wolfe .....	Ship .....	637	220	23	Sir Jas. L. Yeo.
Royal George .....	Ship .....	510	200	22	Capt. W. H. Mulcaster.
Melville .....	Brig .....	279	200	14	Com. E. Spilsbury.
Earl Moira .....	Brig .....	262	100	14	Mr. H. Hobbs.
Sir Sidney Smith ..	Schooner ..	216	80	12	Lt. and Com. H. C. Owen.
Beresford .....	Schooner ..	187	70	12	Mr. H. Radcliffe.

The ships were "three-masters," for naval reports are given of the *Pike* losing her fore top-gallant mast and of the foretop, maintop and mizzentop masts of other ships being carried away. The warships are stated to have had regular quarters for their seamen, as, indeed, the numbers of their crews would indicate. The schooners were cranky and unweathery, the guns on their decks making it difficult to prevent their upsetting, as several of them in the course of the operations did. In numbers of vessels the Americans exceeded, but they were unequal in size and in their sailing qualities. Yeo's ships, though fewer in number, were more equal in character and therefore better capable of combined evolutions. In number and range of guns and weight of metal the Americans also had greatly the superiority, the

\* Roosevelt, "The Naval War of 1812."

† Upset off Niagara August 8th.

‡ Added to fleet July 31st.

§ Kingston Gazette, September 7th, 1813. (Tonnage and crews are as given by Roosevelt.)