



**“The Race to the Midnight Sun - World’s Longest Annual Canoe & Kayak Marathon”**

The 2010 Race Starts in Whitehorse, Yukon on June 30, 2010

## **HOW TO ENTER – Instructions**

Please carefully read all pages of this introduction before filling out an online application!

### **APPLICATION/ENTRY DEADLINE**

Teams will be registered online beginning November 1, 2009 on a first-come, first-served basis upon full payment of race entry fees by the team captain and completion of all paddler applications and waivers. Team biographies will be listed on the website upon acceptance of all registration materials. Application deadline for the 2010 race is April 15, 2010. Online entries will close at 11:59 p.m. on April 15, 2010. Team numbers will be assigned after May 15, 2010.

### **LIMITED ENTRY/WAIT LISTS**

The maximum number of teams allowed to start the 2010 race is 100. There is also a limit of 23 solo kayak (K1) and 7 solo canoe (C1) slots for the 2010 race. If solo class limits are not met by February 1, 2010, then the field will open to any solo kayak or solo canoe up to the limit of 30 solo craft. Once these solo limits are met, a solo wait list will be established, again on a first come, first served basis. Once the maximum of 100 total teams has been reached, a non-solo wait list will also be established. To qualify for the wait list, the official entry form must be completed and a \$50 non-refundable fee paid by April 15, 2010. If a K1 or C1 team drops out or if the field is not at the 30-team solo limit, then the race will pick the team from the solo wait list with the oldest entry date. If a K2, C2 or Voyageur team drops, and the race is at the solo limits, then the next K2, C2 or Voyageur team on the non-solo wait list with the oldest entry date will be selected. If the total limit of 100 is not reached by April 15, 2010, then up to 5 more solo slots may be opened up from the wait list for a maximum of 35 solo teams. Any open slot will be held for no more than seven (7) days after notification, upon full payment of entry fees. Teams on the waiting list can be registered through to May 15, 2010.

### **RISKS, EXPERIENCE & PREPARATION**

The Yukon River Quest is an international wilderness race open to participants from all countries. Racers will be required to show proof of identification and age. Canada or US drivers licenses, passports, and birth certificates are acceptable. **ALSO, Uninsured non-Canadian paddlers are required to have Proof of Visitor to Canada Health Insurance at final registration in Whitehorse.** See the FAQs on the website for details on how to obtain this for our event. **If you have medical issues that the YRMPA should be aware of, please contact the safety coordinator or race marshal prior to the race.**

This long distance race takes you through very rugged and isolated territory where roads and people don't exist, and where dangers, including death or injury from hypothermia, drowning, bear mauling, forest fire or other acts of nature, do exist. Racers must be physically and mentally fit, as well as possess back-country survival and self-rescue skills to enable self-management until help arrives. Should an incident occur, racers must realize that they could be up to 24 hours away from a medical facility. Safety boats patrol the river during the race, however it is impossible to be everywhere at all times, so it is critical to understand the risks and be prepared. Racers will be required to sign an acknowledgment of risks form releasing race officials, YRMPA board members, government agencies, and sponsors from any and all liability.

Read the FAQs and other materials elsewhere on our website regarding preparation and risks. After reading these materials, if you feel you cannot complete this wilderness race, please do not enter. Go get some experience, even float the Yukon River for pleasure, and sign up another year when you feel you are ready for our event. The YRMPA reserves the right to refuse any entry on the grounds of lack of previous canoe or kayak racing or wilderness tripping experience, or for any perceived lack of prior preparation for the race.

## ENTRY FEES - EVAC/BIB DEPOSIT – CANCELLATIONS - SUBSTITUTIONS

ENTRY FEES (payable by credit card with online application, includes processing fees):

- **\$850 Canadian dollars per canoe and tandem kayak team**
- **\$475 Canadian dollars per single kayak or solo canoe entry.**
- **\$250 Canadian dollars for each voyageur team member (6 or more per team).** Voyageur teams may name one alternate paddler who may be substituted for a registered paddler up until 5 days before the race start.

Deadline for applications is April 15, 2010. Pre-race materials will be mailed out only to team captains.

TEAM REGISTRATION – The team captain must complete the online application form for his/her team, declare a boat class and number of paddlers, provide boat information, sign a waiver, and pay the entry fee. This will pre-register the team. The captain is then responsible for making sure each member of the team fills out a registration form and signs a waiver. To insure proper registration, all forms must be submitted at the same time. A complete team with all paddler information and signed waivers must be registered by April 15, 2010 or it will be withdrawn. Any change in boat class will result in a withdrawal and the team will need to register again.

EVACUATION/BIB DEPOSIT - An additional refundable deposit of \$250 per solo and tandem team and \$500 per voyageur team will be collected from the team captain at final registration in Whitehorse. This deposit is held in the event a team and its gear have to be evacuated by safety boat, or if a team does not turn in half of each team member's bib at the conclusion of their race. This payment must be made by cash or credit card imprint. The deposit will be held by the race secretary until the completion of the event. If a team is not evacuated, then the deposit will be returned to the team captain.

CANCELLATIONS: Teams withdrawing on or before May 15, 2010 will be refunded 75% of their entry fee. Withdrawal after May 15 will constitute forfeiture of the entry fee. Rights of the team number are non-transferable, unless reassigned by YRMPA.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Each team member may be substituted, after entry has been accepted, up until five days before the start of the race. To substitute a paddler, contact the race registrar. **Any substitution after May 15, 2010 will be charged an administrative fee of \$50.** Final date for 2010 race substitutions: June 25, 2010.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Each racer receives a high quality YRQ wick-dry shirt, free shuttle for training runs or paddling clinics the weekend before the race, pre-race Meet and Greet in Whitehorse, free camping at Carmacks, soup and sandwich at Kirkman Creek, ticket to Diamond Tooth Gerties casino in Dawson City, ticket for Awards BBQ, and a Finisher Pin if you complete the race by the cutoff time in Dawson.

### TEAM SUPPORT – VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

The race encourages teams to bring their own support crews. As we also need extra volunteers in Carmacks and especially Dawson City, please e-mail our volunteer coordinator if a member of your support crew can also provide assistance at these locations when they are not assisting your team.

### BIB SPONSORS

Every racer is required to wear a bib bearing your team number and that of your bib sponsor. Most of these bibs are sponsored by Yukon-Alaska businesses, but if you would like a special bib sponsor from someone in your area, please link to the bib sponsorship page and have your bib sponsor complete the form and submit payment. Half of the bib goes to your sponsor, and these must be turned in at the racer's final checkpoint or you will forfeit your evacuation/bib deposit.

### ARE YOU READY?

Applications are available online beginning Nov. 1, 2009. The captain must fill out the team application and then ensure that each paddler complete his/her information and sign the online waiver.

If you have questions: E-mail: [registrations@yukonriverquest.com](mailto:registrations@yukonriverquest.com)

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