



Team Biographies

We have 15 teams entered in the race. Below are a brief bios for some of the teams:

Team Name: Team Yukonexplorer.com

Members: William Kleedehn, Carcross, YT Joeth Braukmann, Germany

Sponsors: yukonexplorer.com

Race Goal: We are here for the fun of it! Who wants to stay at home and watch others having fun?

William has no canoe racing experience but is a local outfitter and has ran the 1000 mile Yukon Quest Sled Dog Race 3 times, which follows the ice of the Yukon River for some distance. Joeth will be on holiday from Germany and William thought the race would provide him with a unique Yukon Experience!

Team Name:

Members: Jim Lokken, Fairbanks, AK Solomon Carriere, Cumberland House, SK

Sponsors:

Race Goal: To finish in 2 days

Jim is a veteran canoe racer, winning the Dyea to Dawson Race in '97 and placing 2nd in '98. Solomon? Well, Solomon was born with a paddle in his hand.

Team Name:

Members: Daniel Solie, Fairbanks, AK Frank Thompson, Ishpeming, MI

Sponsors:

Race Goal: To finish..finish fast..finish very fast..finish looking good!

Dan Solie is a Physicist, raised in Fairbanks and a veteran of many long distance canoe trips in Arctic Alask and Canada. He competed in the '98 Dyea to Dawson Race. Frank Thompson is a boat builder and designer and has competed in numerous pro-class canoe races.

Team Name: Whitehorse Super Stars

Members: Michael Onesi, Whitehorse, YT Jason Murphy, Whitehorse, YT

Sponsors:

Race Goal: To be done in 72 hours. To finish in the top half of the pack. Complete the race without drowning!

Michael Onesi is the Sports Editor at the Whitehorse Star. He has little canoe experience but really believes in the race and anticipates it will become one of the top in North America. He plans to write several articles about training for, and competing in, the race. Jason is an Educational Assistant in Whitehorse and has never competed in a canoe race but sees the race as an opportunity not to be missed.

Team Name: Generation Gap '99ers (their combined ages!)

Members: Ione Christensen, Whitehorse, YT Michelle Toews, Whitehorse, YT

Sponsors: Kanoe People, Three Beans Health Food Store, Sporteese Active Wear.

Ione is a fourth generation Yukoner, recreational hiker, biker, kayaker, skier and canoeist. This will be her first long race. Ione lived at Fort Selkirk for the first fifteen years of her life when the Yukon River was the only highway available for travel. She was running her Dad's outboard on the river when she was six, traveled on the steam boats and in later years traveled from Whitehorse - Dawson numerous times by small boat. Raised in the Yukon,