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## 2009 Official Winners & Special Awards

- *73 teams started the 2009 Yukon River Quest and 56 teams finished*
- *This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest field in the 11-year history of the event*
- *The women's tandem canoe and tandem kayak records were broken*

### SPECIAL AWARDS

**First Place Overall:** Team 73 "Texans", Richard Ameen, captain

**Prize:** Free entry for captain and team in 2010 race, donated by **YRMPA**

**Top Yukoners:** Team 1 "Relentless", Tim Hodgson & Jane Vincent

**Prize:** Two small kegs donated by **Yukon Brewing**

**Top Women's Team:** Team 64 "Dawson Before Dusk", Veronica Wisniewski & Liz Bosely

**Prize:** Two packs donated **Coast Mountain Sports**

**Top Senior Team (55 & over):** Team 29 "The Austrian", Heinz Rodinger

**Prize:** Panoramic photo donated by **Inanda Images**

**Top Solo Teams:** All solo winners (see list below) received gold and/or silver canoes donated by **Gold Trail Jewelers - Dawson**

**Most Improved Team:** Team 20 "Yakumama", Joanie Pelletier & Kari Johnston, (finished 3 hours, 47 minutes faster than their 2008 time)

**Prize:** Golden paddle donated by **Klondike Visitors Association**

**Spirit of the Yukon Award (sportsmanship & race spirit):** Team 77 "Team Dene", Charlie Tssessaze, capt. (for stopping to assist Team 73 which had been dumped by a large boil in the river near Minto).

**Prize:** Yukon River gold nuggets donated by **Raven Ink.**

**Honorable Mention:** to Team 22 "Wildfeet" Marc Hebert for providing food and water to fellow team in need at Little Salmon. Gift of 2008 race DVD donated by **Northvids.com**

**Red Stove Award (for team that "wins" the race between last 2 teams):** Team 75 "Team Kai", Tim Taylor & Phil Lafave

**Prize:** Two halves of a Yukon Stove donated by **Haywire Industries**

**Top Yukon Canoe & Kayak:** Team 1 "Relentless", Tim Hodgson & Jane Vincent C2, and Team 23 "Yukon Wildflower" Ingrid Wilcox K1. **Prize:** \$500 each donated by **YRMPA**

## **CLASS WINNERS**

(teams must finish under 60 hours to receive prize money)

### **Voyageur Class – Overall**

1. Team 73 “Texans” - 40:52 (\$2100)
2. Team 77 “Team Dene” - 41:42 (\$800)
3. Team 62 “London Pride” – 53:48 (\$450)

### **Voyageur Class – Open**

1. Team 73 “Texans” - 40:52 (\$2100)
2. Team 77 “Team Dene” - 41:42 (\$800)
3. Team 62 “London Pride” – 53:48 (\$450)

### **Voyageur Class – Women**

1. Team 51 “Paddlers Abreast” - 53:48 (\$2100)
2. Team 32 “Team Whoa” – 57:19 (\$800 donated to Paddlers Abreast)

### **Solo Teams – Overall**

1. Team 45 “XL” Carter Johnson K1- 44:24 (\$900)
2. Team 11 “Numbnuts” Shaun Thrower K1 – 47:00 (\$400)
3. Team 2 “Giddyup II” Brett Norvill K1 – 51:29 (\$200)

### **Solo Kayak – Men**

1. Team 45 “XL” Carter Johnson K1- 44:24 (\$900)
2. Team 11 “Numbnuts” Shaun Thrower K1 – 47:00 (\$400)
3. Team 2 “Giddy Up II” Brett Norvill K1 51:29 – (\$200)

### **Solo Kayak – Women**

1. Team 23 “Yukon Wildflower” Ingrid Wilcox - 62:20 (no cash)

### **Solo Canoe – Open**

1. Team 65 “Alberta Beef” Kevin Mellis – 53:15 (\$900)
2. Team 42 “Black Duck” Ivars Simanis – 62:20 (no cash)
3. Team 60 “Salvation River” Michael Denny – 68:19 (no cash)

### **Tandem Canoe – Overall**

1. Team 1 “Relentless” Tim Hodgson & Jane Vincent (mixed) - 47:22 (\$1100)
2. Team 15 “Canoe-Dog Lackies” Gaetan Plourde & Aaron Hachey (men) – 47:32 (\$525)
3. Team 64 “Dawson Before Dusk” Veronica Wisniewski & Liz Bosely (women) – 48:53 ***NEW WOMEN’S C2 RECORD!*** (\$325)

### **Tandem Canoe – Men**

1. Team 15 “Canoe-Dog Lackies” Gaetan Plourde & Aaron Hachey – 47:32 (\$1100)
2. Team 16 “Black Prince” Robert Withers & James Heath – 50:51 (\$525)
3. Team 71 “Paper Covers Rock” Patrick Von Wiegen & Michael Code – 55:33

(\$325)

### **Tandem Canoe – Mixed**

1. Team 1 “Relentless” Tim Hodgson & Jane Vincent (mixed) - 47:22 (\$1100)
2. Team 30 “Team B Pari Passu” Joe Evans & Barbara Kraler – 49:52 (\$525)
3. Team 66 “Just For Fun” Brad Krog & Dawn Krog – 50:01 (\$325)

### **Tandem Canoe – Women**

1. Team 64 “Dawson Before Dusk” Veronica Wisniewski & Liz Bosely (women) – 48:53 **NEW RECORD!** (\$1100)
2. Team 20 “Yakumama” Joanie Pelletier & Kari Johnston – 51:05 (\$525)

### **Tandem Kayak – Overall**

1. Team 74 “Oxford Hopefuls” Lou Maurice & Hilary Greaves (women) - 51:48 **NEW WOMEN’S K2 RECORD!** (\$1100)
2. Team 40 “The Wiebe Clan” Darrell Wiebe & Jennifer Allen (mixed) – 52:03 (\$525)
3. Team 17 “Dave and Pete” Peter Budden & Dave Townsend (men) – 53:15 (\$325)

### **Tandem Kayak – Men**

1. Team 17 “Dave and Pete” Peter Budden & Dave Townsend – 53:15 (\$1100)
2. Team 61 “Vati-kaki” Francois Coetzer & Philip Coetzer – 54:33 (\$525)
3. Team 24 “Bugmen 1” Peter Whaley & Matt Gunning – 55:16 (\$325)

### **Tandem Kayak – Mixed**

1. Team 40 “The Wiebe Clan” Darrell Wiebe & Jennifer Allen – 52:03 (\$1100)
2. Team 37 “Two-Kon Tango” Carl Schoch & Lana Davis – 56:42 (\$525)
3. Team 59 “P.K. Rose” Steve Geick & Janice Rose – 66:15 (no cash)

### **Tandem Kayak – Women**

1. Team 74 “Oxford Hopefuls” Lou Maurice & Hilary Greaves - 51:48 **NEW RECORD!!** (\$1100)
2. Team 43 “Water Grrlz” Melinda Miles & Zoe Oakley – 64:57 (no cash)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE 56 TEAMS WHO RECEIVED FINISHER PINS!!!**

### **MORE INFORMATION:**

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