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August 'Race to the Klondyke' registration opens today

YRMPA wants boats on the river this year to help mollify the decision to cancel the 2021 YRQ last month; short race will run from Carmacks to Dawson on holiday weekend.

By YRQ MEDIA

The cancellation of last month's Yukon River Quest at the last minute due to a river in flood was a blow to us all. Since then, the board of the Yukon River Marathon Paddlers Association has been working on coming up with some kind of race later this summer.

So, this August 14-16 there will be a 'Race to the Klondyke' from Carmacks to Dawson. The race will be structured differently from the YRQ, as there will be limited safety cover and volunteer support along this section of the river.

The race will begin at noon on Saturday, August 14 at Coal Mine Campground or another location along the river near Carmacks. The event will run under our previously approved COVID plan and will have rules similar to the YRQ. As such, only Canadian teams will be allowed unless there is a change in COVID travel restrictions.

The race will be limited to 50 teams, and they will be required to camp for 8 hours nightly—held nearly two months after the summer solstice of the YRQ, this race will have darkness to deal with. Teams will be followed with required SPOT or InReach tracking devices, but they will be responsible for their own safety.

Registration for the race is just \$50 per person, and the usual classes from the YRQ will be allowed: solo and tandem kayaks and canoes, SUPs, and C4 and voyageurs canoes. There will be no prize money, but racers will receive finisher certificates and pins.

Registration begins today and may fill quickly. Those teams that miss the first wave can get on a wait list for \$15.

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