

2022 Race Events Schedule

The Yukon River Marathon Paddling Association continues to follow the direction of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer regarding Covid measures. Covid restrictions are subject to change prior to and during the race.

We value the relationships we have built with our First Nation communities and as such, we ask all racers and support crews to be mindful and respectful of locals while in Carmacks, Minto and Dawson City – practise the safe 6 and avoid congregating in areas where there is high foot traffic (e.g. local stores).

Thank you. Stay safe everyone – YRMPA Board

Important Pre-Race Reminder Dates

Registration opened for:

November 1 2021 – Voyageur and C4 teams

November 8 2021 – tandem teams

November 15 – solo teams

March 31 2022 – The Team List is beginning to take shape with committed racers making full payment, making travel plans and training.

May 22 2022 – Last day to withdraw and receive a partial refund (4 weeks from race start)

June 1 2022 – Last day to be entered in the race

June 5 2022 – Deadline to ensure your tracking is working – send message to Peter Coates via commsroom@yukonriverquest.ca

Mandatory Racer & Support Crew Briefing Schedule

Due to the uncertainty of Covid measures for June, please stay tuned for updates on whether the briefing will be in person or via Zoom.

If it is in person, it will be held on Tuesday June 21. Location and times to be determined.

Zoom calls will be held the week before the race.

Race Week Schedule

Saturday June 18 – Monday June 20

9 am – 5 pm at the Mt McIntyre Recreation Centre (1 Sumanik Dr in the Grey Mountain Room)

Final Registration

Rescue and boat rental deposits

Boat measuring and gear check

It is **MANDATORY** for team members to attend the FINAL REGISTRATION to receive racer packages, bibs, and boat decals.

There will be pre-race boat inspections, and you will need to declare your intended stop times at Carmacks and Minto.

Final registration is available over the 3 three days from 9 am – 5pm. Book your registration day and time by going to Racer Actions.

ALL participants must bring documentation to prove they have adequate medical insurance for a medical evacuation. This includes local racers who must bring their Health Care Cards.

Rescue Deposit:

You can “pay” the required rescue deposit and for those renting a boat from us, the damage deposit. “Paying” means that we will put a hold for the deposit on your credit card that will be released or captured immediately after the race. The links to “Pay” will appear on the [Registration](#) page and [Boat Rentals](#) page. These pages are designed to work reasonably on Smart phones. Doing this early saves time at registration.

Training Runs

Please contact [Kanoë People](#) or [Up North Adventures](#) directly to book your day and time.

The put-in is at the same location, next to Kanoë People at Front St and Strickland. Return shuttle provided – masks required while in the vehicle. Teams with voyageur canoes must make separate arrangements and pay a fee as a separate trailer is required.

Sunday June 19 – Afternoon training run: Whitehorse to Takhini River Bridge (20 km)

Sponsored by Up North Adventures

Monday, June 20 – Final afternoon training run – Whitehorse to Takhini River Bridge (20 km)

Sponsored by Kanoë People

Monday June 20 – Meet and Greet

6 pm – 8 pm at [MacBride Museum](#) – 1124 Front St.

Join us for light snacks and refreshments at MacBride Museum, a building steeped in Yukon’s history. Enjoy getting to know other racers, support crews and the Yukon River Marathon Paddling Assoc.’s Board of Directors. We look forward to seeing you!

Monday June 20 – All teams in race must be registered by 5 pm (see above)

Race Day Start Schedule

Wednesday, June 22

09:00 am start (boats numbered 1- 99):

06:15 – 08:30 – Positioning of boats and final inspections at Rotary Park

IMPORTANT: Volunteers will coordinate vehicle access to avoid congestion.

- Voyageurs and C4 canoes will be launched by number and moved to their starting locations on the river beginning at 06:15.
- Solo and tandem boats will be lined up by groups of numbers every half hour in their shore launch positions as per the schedule below.
- ***Teams need their support crews available to carry or line their boats to start position.***
- After boat/gear are in starting place and vehicle is moved, there will be a final inspection with paddlers.

Voyageurs and C4s (by number):

#1 – 4 – 06:15 – 06:45

Single and double canoes/kayaks and SUPs (by number):

5 – 60 – 06:30 – 07:30

#61 – 99 – 07:30 – 08:30

Whitehorse 09:00 Start Events

08:30 – Teams line up for Start

Racers are required to follow current Covid measures for race start which may include wearing a mask. Meet under the YRQ banner by the Rotary Park shelter.

09:00 am – Start of 2022 Yukon River Quest and Half Quest

Listen for countdown and horn to start race!

Each team may have 1 support person standing by their boat to assist with the launch. Great views of teams starting on river downtown, and further down river at the end of Burma Road (recommended) and at Policeman's Point checkpoint (high-clearance 4WD vehicles only on Policeman's Point Rd).

All support crew vehicles to vacate the parking lot as soon as possible to allow space for noon racers and support crews.

Race Day Start Schedule for second fleet

Wednesday June 22

12:00 (noon) start (boats numbered 100 – 199):

09:15 – 11:30 – Positioning of boats and final inspections at Rotary Park

IMPORTANT:

- Volunteers will coordinate vehicle access to avoid congestion
- Voyageurs and C4 canoes will be launched by number and moved to their starting locations on the river beginning at **09:15**
- Solo and tandem boats will be lined up by groups of numbers every half hour in their shore launch positions as per the schedule below
- ***Teams need their support crews available to carry or line their boats to start position***
- After boat/gear are in starting place and vehicle is moved, there will be a final inspection with paddlers

Voyageurs and C4s (by number):

09:15 – 10:00: # 100 - 116

Single and double canoes/kayaks and SUPs (by number):

#117 – 155: 10:00 – 10:45

#156 – 200: 10:45 – 11:30

Whitehorse 12:00 (noon) Start Events

11:30 – Teams line up for start

Racers are required to follow current Covid measures for race start which may include wearing a mask. Meet under the YRQ banner by the Rotary Park shelter.

12:00 (noon) – Start of 2022 Yukon River Quest and Half Quest for 2nd fleet

Listen for countdown and horn to start race!

Each team may have 1 support person standing by their boat to assist with the launch. Great views of teams starting on river downtown, and further down river at the end of Burma Road (recommended) and at Policeman's Point checkpoint (high-clearance 4WD vehicles only on Policeman's Point Rd).

CP1, Lake CP2, Carmacks CP3 (A) & (B), and Minto Resort CP4 Checkpoint Schedule

We ask that paddlers and their support be respectful of locals while in Carmacks, Minto and Dawson, keeping the safe six, and avoiding congregating in high foot traffic areas such as a local stores or restaurants.

Wednesday, June 22

Policeman's Point CP1 Cut-off Time:

For 09:00 fleet start: 13:00 (1 pm)

For noon start: 16:00 (4 pm)

Teams must reach CP 1 Policeman's Point within **4 hours** of starting to remain in the race. A team failing to meet this requirement will be withdrawn by race officials. The team may continue on as a withdrawn team with the Race Marshal's consent (see Rule 29).

Afternoon-Evening – Carmacks CP3 (A) Coal Mine Campground and CP3 (B) Bridge Site Set-up

Race volunteers and support crews will gather in Carmacks at the [Coal Mine Campground](#) Checkpoint for half race teams, voyageur, C4 and SUP teams or at the [Bridge Site](#) Checkpoint for all canoes and kayaks to prepare for racers the next day. Please refer to the [Carmacks Briefing](#) notes for directions and other details. *Arrive early to ensure camping spot and please pay attention to parking instructions.*

Wednesday/Thursday, June 22/23

CP2 Cut-off Time – All teams off Lake Laberge

For 09:00 fleet start: 22:00 (10 pm)

For 12:00 (noon) fleet start: 01:00 (1 am)

Teams must pass by CP2 Lower Lake Laberge within 13 hours of their start time to remain in the race. Follow their progress on our [Race Tracker](#) as they enter the Thirty Mile section and paddle through the night past Big Salmon and on to Little Salmon and Carmacks.

Thursday June 23

06:00 (6 AM) – Carmacks Checkpoints CP3 (A) at Coal Mine Campground and CP3 (B) at the Bridge Site open

CP3 (A) - Carmacks is located at [Coal Mine Campground](#) about 2K past the bridge (for drivers), on the right just before the Campbell Hwy. intersection.

CP3 (B) Bridge Site is located in the heart of Carmacks along the river and just past the Recreation Centre.

Teams usually start arriving around 07:00 and continue to arrive until the cut-off time for remaining in the race.

Carmacks Checkpoint CP3 (A) and (B) Cut-off time

All teams must arrive at the Coal Mine Campground Checkpoint CP3 (A) or the Bridge Site Checkpoint CP3 (B) within 34 hours of the start.

19:00 Thursday evening for the 9am start group

22:00 Thursday evening for the noon start group

All teams must depart Carmacks by 06:00 Friday morning – (42 hours from the start for the noon fleet or 45 hours from the start for the 9 am fleet)

A team failing to meet this requirement will be withdrawn by race officials.

After signing in, teams will be given a time when they are allowed to leave the checkpoint.

Any team that has not left Carmacks checkpoint by 06:00 Friday, will be deemed to have abandoned the race.

If a team has scratched and has not notified the Checkpoint Coordinator by the time the checkpoint closes, a penalty of \$100.00 will be levied.

If adverse weather conditions on the lake or river cause a stoppage or delay in the race, these required times may be altered at the discretion of the Race Marshal.

Mandatory Layovers: There are two layovers for the race. The first is Carmacks, and the second is Minto.

- Teams must stop in Carmacks and Minto but may choose to divide their mandatory 10-hour rest time between the two checkpoints as they see fit
- Support crews must assess their teams to verify if they are in adequate condition to continue even if the plan is to stop and go. First aid personnel are available nearby.
- Teams arriving in Carmacks after 16:00 on Thursday must stop for at least 3 hours
- Teams are expected to advise the race before the start what their anticipated stop time in Carmacks will be. This is only advisory. They can change their mind at Carmacks with no penalty. Please advise us in Carmacks of changes in your plan.
- In Carmacks an anticipated-out time label will be attached to your boat based on this advise
- At Carmacks, teams may be given full assistance by their support crew. *Personal flotation devices or lifejackets are required while on the dock or anywhere near the shore (bring your own if you have one).*

Congested area – please pay attention to parking information.

Half Quest Finishers

All HALF QUEST FINISHERS (after crossing the timing line) take out at the Coal Mine Campground dock.

Thursday June 23

10:00 (10 am) – Minto Resort Checkpoint CP4 Opens

CP4 is located at Minto Resort about 74 kilometres/46 miles (for drivers) from Carmacks. Turn left at the Minto Resort sign just past the KM 428 post. This checkpoint on river right is the last road access point before Dawson City.

- Teams could start arriving at the Minto Resort checkpoint as early as noon on Thursday June 23
- All teams MUST STOP at Minto (This can be a touch and go if teams rest the full 10 hours in Carmacks)
- Teams who have not stopped for at least 10 hours at Carmacks are required to stop here for the remainder of their required 10-hour rest
- A label will be attached to their boat with the earliest time they are allowed to leave
- The rest time at Carmacks that will be subtracted from the 10-hour required rest is the actual time spent in Carmacks, not any advisory time that you may have given the race
- *Lifejackets are required when on the dock or anywhere near the shoreline (bring your own if you have one)*

Congested area – please pay attention to parking information.

Minto Resort Checkpoint Cut-off time

- All teams must arrive at the Minto Resort Checkpoint within 49 hours of their designated start time
- All teams must leave Minto Resort Checkpoint by Friday June 24 at 01:00
- A team failing to meet this requirement will be withdrawn by race officials
- After signing in, teams will be given a time when they are allowed to leave the checkpoint
- Any team that has not left Carmacks checkpoint by 06:00 Friday, will be deemed to have abandoned the race
- If a team has scratched and has not notified the Checkpoint Coordinator by the time the checkpoint closes, a penalty of \$100.00 will be levied
- If adverse weather conditions on the lake or river cause a stoppage or delay in the race, these required times may be altered at the discretion of the Race Marshal

Friday, June 24

06:00 (6 am) – Carmacks Checkpoint CP3 Closes

All teams in the race must depart by this time. CP3 (A) and (B) will break down earlier if last team has left.

01:00 (1 PM) – Minto Resort Checkpoint CP4 Closes

All teams in the race must depart by this time. CP4 will break down earlier if last team has left.

On the River – Track your teams through remote checkpoints

Watch for times on our [Race Tracker](#) as teams pass Fort Selkirk, Thistle Creek, and Sixty Mile.

Dawson City Finish Line Schedule

We ask that paddlers and their support be respectful of locals while in Carmacks, Minto and Dawson, keeping the safe six, and avoiding congregating in areas such as a local stores or places where there is lots of foot traffic, etc.

Friday, June 24

12:00 (12 noon) – Dawson City Finish Line Checkpoint Opens

The Dawson City Finish Line Checkpoint is located on Yukon River dike between the gazebo and historic CIBC bank building. First teams have arrived as early as 14:00 (2 pm) in fast water years or into the evening in slow water years. After teams finish, they will be directed to the docking area downstream on the right.

Saturday, June 25

All day – Welcome teams!

Teams will be tired but elated and motivated as you applaud them towards the finish line on the waterfront – they earned it, all 715 kms!

21:00 (9 PM or sooner) – Dawson City Checkpoint Closes

Cut-off time for official finish is 21:00 (Saturday June 25). The checkpoint will shut down at this hour or earlier if the final team has arrived. Race officials will not be responsible for monitoring the progress of

teams on the river after this time. Teams that finish after this time will be provided a sign-in location in Dawson City and will be recognized as official finishers.

Sunday, June 26

Awards Ceremony – Minto Park – 471 7th Avenue, Dawson City

In place of the banquet, the YRMPA is providing all racers and support crews with a \$10 YRQ coupon that can be used at food or beverage establishments in Dawson City. A list of businesses will be placed in your registration package. Grab a coffee and muffin and head over to the awards ceremony!

Join us for an awards ceremony at Minto Park on **Sunday June 26 from 10:00 (10 am) to 11:30**. This is an open-air event, so please come prepared with rain gear and a folding chair if you have one. There are limited bleachers and picnic tables available.