

## Yukon River Quest 2023 Race Events Schedule -REVISED (May 10)

The Yukon River Marathon Paddling Association follows recommendations from the Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health which currently reports “businesses, organizations and venues can request that people wear masks before entering a space,” and asks people to respect those requests.

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 Whitehorse, Carmacks and Dawson City – respect Covid measures 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

April 23, 2023 – The Team List is taking shape with committed racers making full payment, making travel plans and training.

June 1 2023 – Last day to be entered in the race

June 6 2023 - Last day to withdraw and receive a partial refund (4 weeks from race start)

June 18 2023 – Deadline to ensure your tracking is working – send message to Peter Coates via [commsroom@yukonriverquest.ca](mailto:commsroom@yukonriverquest.ca)

### Mandatory Racer & Support Crew Briefing Schedule

**Monday July 3 - Yukon Visitor Information Centre theatre - 100 Hanson St.**

Our seating capacity is 125

1:00 – 2:00	<b>Support Crews</b> 1 crew member per team, except 2 for voyageur
2:15 – 3:15	<b>SUP C2 C1 K2 K1 racers</b> (43 teams, 88 racers)
3:30 - 4:30	<b>Voyageur and C4 racers</b> (17 teams 105 racers)

### Race Week Schedule

#### Saturday July 1 – Canada Day

Activities to Celebrate going on all over Whitehorse

‘Out and back’ training can happen up-river from the Whitehorse Dam on Schwatka Lake. It is a good time to balance your gear on flat water and check your trim while loaded. Shuttles are not necessary but if needed, will need to be arranged by the racers.

See below to book **sponsored** training run shuttles back from Takhini River bridge on other dates.

## **Sunday July 2 \*\* MANDATORY\*\* FINAL REGISTRATION**

9 am – 5 pm at the Shipyards Park, 2nd Avenue

**You will receive your appointed time from the registration coordinator.**

Sign and submit waivers and verified gear checklists (**full gear checks for new racers**)

Rescue deposit

Boat rental deposits

Boat inspections - specifications approved

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

Final registration is available over one day 8 am – 5pm. 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.

**All teams must be registered by 5 pm!**

### **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.

## **Sunday July 2 – Meet and Greet**

6 pm – 8 pm at Shipyards Park, 2nd Avenue

Join us for light snacks and refreshments. Enjoy getting to know other racers, support crews and the Yukon River Marathon Paddling Association’s Board of Directors. We look forward to seeing you!

## **Monday July 3 – \*\*Mandatory\*\* Racer and Support Crew Briefing**

Yukon Visitor Information Centre theatre – 100 Hanson St.

See Schedule above

## **Training Runs**

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

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

## **Friday June 30 – Training run: Whitehorse to Takhini River Bridge (20 km)**

Pick up times at Takhini River Bridge: 12:00 and 14:00

**Sponsored by Up North Adventures**

## Monday July 3- Training run – Whitehorse to Takhini River Bridge (20 km)

Limit of 40 people. Arrange for pick ups at 10:00, 12:00 and 2:00

Sponsored by Kanoe People

## Race Day Start Schedule

### Tuesday, July 4 WHITEHORSE

For 09:00 am start :

**06:00 – 08:30 – Positioning of boats and follow up inspections at Rotary Park**

**IMPORTANT:** Volunteers will coordinate vehicle access to avoid congestion.

- Voyageurs 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 to have their support crews available to carry or line their boats to start position.**
- Expect random gear checks among all experience levels and categories. Those in breach of the rule will be assessed a time penalty by the Race Marshall

Positioning Time	Class
06:00 – 06:45	Voyageurs/C4s
06:30 – 07:30	Tandem canoes/ Tandem kayaks
07:00 - 08:30	Solo canoes/solo kayaks/SUPs

## Whitehorse 09:00 Start Events

### 08:30 – Teams line up for Start

Racers are required to meet upstream under the YRQ banner by the Rotary Park shelter.

### 09:00 am – Start of 2023 Yukon River Quest and Half Quest

Listen for the 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).

# Checkpoint Schedule

## Policemans Point CP1, Lake Laberge CP2, Carmacks CP3

### Tuesday July 4

#### Policeman's Point CP1 Cut-off Time:

**13:00 (1 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).

### Tuesday July 4

#### PM – SET UP at Carmacks CP3 Coal Mine Campground

Race volunteers and support crews will gather in Carmacks at the [Coal Mine Campground](#). 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.*

### Tuesday July 4

#### Lower Lake Laberge CP2 Cut-off Time – All teams off Lake Laberge

**22:00 (10 pm)**

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.

### Wednesday July 5 CARMACKS

Coal Mine Campground CP3 – opens at 03:00 (3AM)

#### CP3 Arrival Cut-off Time – Carmacks

**19:00 (7 pm) Wednesday evening**

All teams must arrive at the Coal Mine Campground Checkpoint CP3 within 34 hours of the start. CP3- Carmacks is located at [Coal Mine Campground](#) about 2K past the bridge (for drivers), on the right just before the Campbell Hwy. intersection.

Teams may start arriving as early as 03:00 and continue to arrive until the cut-off time for remaining in the race.

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

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

**Mandatory Layover:** There is one layover for this year's race. Checkpoint 3 Carmacks is the only stop.

- All teams must stop for a minimum of 10 hours in Carmacks
- Support crews must assess their teams to verify if their condition is adequate to continue. First aid personnel are available nearby.
- 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).*

Any team that has not left Carmacks checkpoint by 06:00 Thursday, 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.

*Congested area – please pay attention to parking information.*

## **Thursday July 6**

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

All teams in the race must depart by this time - 45 hours from the start. CP3 will break down earlier if the last team has left.

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

## **Dawson City Finish Line Schedule**

### **Thursday July 6**

#### **09:00 (9 am) – 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 may arrive as early as 9:00 am in fast water. After teams finish, they will be directed to the docking area downstream on the right.

#### **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!

### **Friday July 7**

#### **18:00 (6 PM or sooner) – Dawson City Checkpoint Closes**

Cut-off time for official finish is 18:00 (Friday July 7). 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.

### **Saturday July 8**

#### **Awards Ceremony – TBD**

**Saturday July 8 10:00 – 12:00** Location at **Robert Service School**

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!