

# 2022 Yukon River Quest Awards

*Top 3 by class listed here, if the team finished.*

*\* Denotes new record in this class. Several were broken in this high-water year, including the overall course record!*

## SOLO CLASSES

### **Women's Solo Canoe C1:**

1. \* Team # 38 Yukoned Me Into It – Esther Wheeler, Sydney, NSW, Australia [51:35:45]. \$\$ - *also received pendant from Gold Trail Jewellers.*
2. Team #1 Gulo Gulo – Alison Eremenko, Whitehorse, YT, Canada [54:30:47]. \$\$.
3. Team #33 Chasing the Wolverine – Leslie Davenport, Arnprior, ON, Canada [60:39:50].

### **Men's Solo Canoe C1:**

1. \* Team #121 Half a Perfect Storm – Gaetan Plourde, North Gower, ON, Canada [47:59:34]. \$\$ – *also received pendant from Gold Trail Jewellers.*
2. Team #27 Doggy Paddle – Matthew Smith, Calgary, AB, Canada [59:47:00].

### **Women's Solo Kayak K1:**

1. Team #6 Victorious Secret – Mirjam Fleming, Whitehorse, YT, Canada [53:34:02]. \$\$ – *also received pendant from Gold Trail Jewellers.*
2. Team #25 Rough Cut Diamond – Patricia Jones, Delta, BC, Canada [55:46:34].

### **Men's Solo Kayak K1:**

1. Team #128 Wunnumnut – Jeff Brainerd, Roslin, ON, Canada [44:10:35]. \$\$ – *also received pendant from Gold Trail Jewellers. 9<sup>th</sup> OVERALL.*
2. Team #112 Golden Retriever – Wayne Anderson, Calgary, AB, Canada [45:43:00]. \$\$.
3. Team #135 Estonian Vikings – Mart Reimann, Kuusalu, Estonia [48:46:32]. \$\$.

### **Women's Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP):**

1. Team #60 Type 2 Fun – LouAnne Harris, Greenbrae, CA, USA [62:36:12].  
\$\$ – *also received pendant from Gold Trail Jewellers.*
2. Team #30 - Shara Dubeau, Boulogne, France [65:34:50].

### **Men's Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP):**

1. \* Team #59 - Lincoln Dews, Buderim, QLD, Australia [47:46:32] \$\$ – *also received pendant from Gold Trail Jewellers.*
2. Team #57 HalfwayToCina – Davide Cina, Vancouver, BC, Canada [49:28:11]. \$\$.
3. Team #51 Standing Room Only – Jason Bennett, Vancouver, BC, Canada [50:23:54]. \$.

### **TANDEM CANOE CLASSES (C2)**

#### **Mixed C2:**

1. Team #123 The Bickersons – Bonnie Pankiw & Christoph Weber, Chelsea, QC, Canada [46:18:53]. \$.
2. Team #9 Mennonites Don't Tip – Russ & Jodi Giesbrecht, Whitehorse, YT, Canada [50:49:31]. \$.
3. Team #125 Fermentation Vessel – Leila Myers & Michael Iles, Chelsea, QC & Ottawa, ON, Canada [53:47:17]. \$.

#### **Women's C2:**

1. \* Team #102 Love of Paddling – Margo Millette & Anjeanette LeMay, Whitehorse, YT & Lawrencetown, NS, Canada [47:43:24] \$.
2. Team #131 The Girls Next Door – Jacqueline Lewis Octavio & Alysha Coates, Whitehorse, YT, Canada, [56:51:23].

#### **Men's C2:**

1. Team #113 Soggy Bottom Boys – Colin Abbott & Matthias Purdon, Whitehorse, YT, Canada [43:13:36]. \$. **6<sup>th</sup> OVERALL.**
2. Team #136 Spirit of the Yukon – Francis Soenen & Danny Veys, Roselare & Marke, Belgium [44:36:28]. \$. **10<sup>th</sup> OVERALL.**
3. Team #140 Calgary Canoe Club – Samuel Parmiter & Robin Kendall, Calgary, AB, Canada [45:42:20]. \$.

## **TANDEM KAYAK CLASSES (K2)**

### **Mixed K2:**

1. Team #64 SchaayVentures – Justin & Sienna Schaay, Charleston, SC, USA [47:39:15]. \$\$.
2. Team #65 RBA – Molly & Michael Brazier, Missoula, MT & Davis, CA, USA [62:28:13].

### **Women's K2:**

1. \* Team #126 HUUM SAUNA / Yukon Team Estonia – Linda Tetsmann & Anette Baum, Loo & Tartu, Estonia [43:44:39]. \$\$ **8<sup>th</sup> OVERALL.**

### **Men's K2:**

1. \* Team #130 www.tyreorder.com Elite Team – Indrek Kermon & Andres Kaju, Rae & Tallinn, Estonia [40:05:43]. \$\$ **3<sup>rd</sup> OVERALL.**
2. Team #103 Yukon Wide Adventures –Thomas de Jager & Gus Oliveira, Whitehorse, YT & Saltspring Island, BC, Canada [44:51:00]. \$.
3. Team #24 World of Kayaks Team Estonia M&M – Martin Ilumets & MArek Lindmaa, Tallinn, Estonia [50:20:16] \$.

## **4-PERSON CANOE CLASSES (C4)**

### **Mixed C4 (2 men, 2 women):**

1. \* Team #142 Delta Heat – Kendall McDonald, Nichole McDonald, Brandon Johnston, Mackenzie McDonald, Inuvik, NT, Canada [43:17:01]. \$\$ **7<sup>th</sup> OVERALL.**
2. Team #115 VIP Bucket List – Tom Arnold, Mike Weirmier, Cara Weirmier, Mallorie Nicholson [46:25:05]. \$.

### **Women's C4 (all women):**

1. \* Team #104 Every Child Matters –Pauline Frost, Alice Frost, Heather McBurney, Monica Johnson [50:23:11]. \$.
2. Team #117 Sea Wings – Carmen Merkel, Christina, Chowaniec, Susan Pinkney, Monica Pearson, Vancouver, BC, Canada, [57:22:08]. \$.

### **Open C4 (all or predominantly men):**

1. \* Team #114 Something Else Entirely – Eric Braul, Robert Spinks, Mike De Abreu, Sebastien Courville, Whitehorse, YT, Arnprior & Golden Lake, ON, Canada [39:08:12]. \$\$ **1<sup>ST</sup> OVERALL. NEW COURSE RECORD!**
2. Team #120 Team Quickblade – Ethan Palmer, Travis Grant, Jim Terrell, Maika Scott, Currumbin, QLD, Australia, Honolulu, HI, Newport Beach & Costa Mesa, Ca, USA [43:13:04]. \$\$ **5<sup>TH</sup> OVERALL.**

### **VOYAGEUR CANOE CLASSES (6 or more persons - VC)**

#### **Mixed Voyageur (1/3 of team must be women):**

1. Team #15 Hai Voltage – Manuela Heyn-Dittbrenner, Mandy Matzke, Mendy Rokosch, Elke Nowack, Peter Laux, Dirk Horn - Cottbus & Teichland, Germany [54:17:00]. \$\$

#### **Women's Voyageur (all women):**

1. Team #108 Stix Together – Amanda Mouchet, Carolyn Relf, Anna Peacock, Susan Hamilton, Kirsti de Vries, Lupine Bulmer, Kim Schlosser, Natalie Haltrich - Whitehorse, YT, Canada [46:24:14]. \$\$
2. Team #7 Team Whoa – Lisa Robertson, Sylvia Anderson, Tunde Fulop, Elizabeth Clune, Patricia Clune, Tory Russell, Julia Gerlach, Cindy Irwin, - Whitehorse, YT & Toronto, ON, Canada [54:03:57]. \$\$

#### **Open Voyageur (all or predominantly men):**

1. Team #111 Pagunpogo – Crispin Studer, Shane Orban, Steve Ramsay, Tim Heaton, Wally Duncan, James Apetagon, - Whitehorse, YT, Foothills & Calgary, AB, and Norway House, MB, Canada [40:05:43]. \$\$ **2<sup>ND</sup> OVERALL.**
2. Team #147 Hatchet Lake – Solomon Joseyounen, James Shaoulle, Joseph Dzeylion, Nap Kkaikka, Jeremy St. Pierre, Robbie Denechazhe – Wollaston Lake, SK, Canada [42:35:37]. \$1125. **4<sup>TH</sup> OVERALL.**
3. Team #116 Buckwheat's Howlers – Jeff Brady, Sam Best, Nicole Kovacs, Cory Thole, Tom Parker, Danny Brady– Skagway & Anchorage, AK, USA [46:40:05]. \$\$

## **HALF QUEST RACE TO CARMACKS**

*\* several records were established due to this being the first one.*

### **Men's C2 Half**

1. \*Team #46.5 Eddyline – Kalin Pallett & Brian Groves, Whitehorse, YT, Canada [24:38:54].

### **Women's VC Half**

1. \*Team #4.5 Paddlers Abreast – Lynn Rice-Rideout, Miyuki Kato, Asa Berg, Kelly Liebe, Penny Sheardown, Tracey Hutton, Rachel Zrai, Dawn Fralick, Whitehorse, YT, Atlin , BC & Spruce Grove, AB,, Canada [25:00:40].

### **Mixed K2 Half**

1. \*Team #18.5 Crisis & the Commando – Carmen Gustafson & Dave Dahl, Whitehorse, YT, Canada & Maple Grove, MN, USA [26:07:11].

### **Mixed C2 Half**

1. \*Team #78.5 Fireside Adventures – Jeff Willis & Carmen Chandler, Gibsons, BC, Canada [30:38:47].

### **Women's Solo K1 Half**

1. \* Team #12.5 Nauti & Nice – Sandra Schuschkleb, Whitehorse, YT, Canada [30:41:45].

## **SPECIAL CASH AWARDS (if eligible)**

**Top 10 Overall (noted above):** Additional cash was awarded to the top 10 overall finishers.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS [Sponsors]**

**Top Solo Awards:** [Gold/silver pendants from Gold Trail Jewellers] presented to top solo paddlers in each class (noted above).

**Top Yukoners:** Team #113 Soggy Bottom Boys [Yukon Brewing swag packs]

**Spirit of the Yukon:** K1 paddler Chris Lightbound of Team #3 Four Sure who assisted with the rescue of C2 Team #5 Listers Motor Sports after they capsized and paddlers were separated, with assistance from K1 paddler Stephen Ball in Team #17 The Ball. [Engraved paddle from Klondike Visitors Association]

**Red Half Stove:** Team #43 Morgan Caira and Team #50 Team Entropy shared honours for winning the “race” not to be the last team to finish.

**Top Overall Team:** Team #114 Something Else Entirely – Eric Braul, Robert Spinks, Mike De Abreu, Sebastien Courville [free entry for captain and same team members in 2020 YRQ and name on permanent trophy]. ***New course record!***

**Great River Club additions:** Reaching 10,000 kilometres was Elizabeth Clune. Reaching 5,000 kilometres were Jeff Brady, Gus Oliveira, Wayne Anderson, Thomas de Jager, Susan McDowell, and Robbie Spinks.

#### **RACE NOTES:**

- Of the 105 teams that started the race, 62 teams finished the full YRQ in Dawson City, and all 5 entered in the new Half Quest finished in Carmacks.

- **Youngest Paddler:** Mackenzie McDonald, 21, of Team #142 Delta Heat.

- **Oldest Paddler:** Holger Fischer, 78, of Team #58 Old Danube Pirate.

- Our safety boat crews on the river and volunteers on shore worked overtime to make sure everyone survived (there were some close calls), along with the valuable help of paddlers out there and their support crews.

- The fast water resulted in the setting of the new course record of 39:08:12 by C4 team Something Else Entirely. The previous record of 39:32:00 was set by VC team Kisseynew in 2008. In all, 25 records were either broken or established. Several of the new records were in the first Half Quest. See complete list at: <https://www.yukonriverquest.ca/yrq/app/entry8/records.php>