

Yukon River Quest 2024 Race Events Schedule (Updated: June 12, 2024)

Welcome to the 24th Annual Yukon River Quest. This year we have returned to the original date of the first Wednesday after the Summer Solstice, giving you optimal daylight for your race. We expect the water levels will be average this year.

Important Pre-Race Dates

June 1 2024

- Deadline for notifying the race coordinator if you would like to have YRQ provide your support
- Last day to be entered in the race. After this point there is zero refund for individual paddlers or teams who withdraw.

June 5 2024

- Deadline for tracking – message to commsroom@yukonriverquest.ca
- Sign up for your Final Registration slot closes

Race Week Schedule

Sunday June 23 - Free Training runs by Kanoe People (867) 668-4899

Whitehorse to Takhini River Bridge (20 km)

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

Sponsored by [Kanoe People](#)

Contact them to schedule your pick-up at the Takhini River Bridge.

If you have your boat and a vehicle, you may also choose to do 'out and back' training 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.

Monday June 24 ** MANDATORY** FINAL REGISTRATION

8 am – 5 pm at the Yukon [Visitor Information Centre](#), 100 Hanson Street and 2nd Avenue

Final Registration will be one day. **You have received an email inviting you to SIGN UP.COM to select your Team's registration time slot.**

The final registration volunteers will ensure the following are completed:

- Sign and submit waiver and verified gear checklists.
- Gear Check - this year all new racers will participate in a full gear check. Veteran racers must bring their PFD for gear check at a minimum. For those who wish to complete a gear check voluntarily, bring everything on the list in the rules.
- Deposits - Boat Rental Damage and Evacuation/Tracking Deposits
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.

- Boat inspections: Those who are renting boats from YRQ, Yukon Wide Adventures, Canoe People or Lister’s Motor Sports, you are not required to bring your boat to Final Registration. We know those boats meet the dimensions criteria. Any other boats that have not been in the YRQ before must be inspected.
- Provide copy of adequate health/medical insurance
- Sponsored Bibs are signed by the team members

Once you have completed all the registration criteria you will receive your racer packages, bibs, and boat decals.

All teams must be registered by 5 pm!

Monday June 24 - Training Runs by Up North Adventures

Whitehorse to Takhini River Bridge (20 km) about 2 hours There is room to plan around FINAL registration. Contact them directly to arrange for pick ups at 1:00 and 4:00.

Sponsored by [Up North Adventures](#)

Monday June 24 – Meet and Greet

6 pm – 8 pm at [Whitehorse Curling Club](#), 1 Sumanik Dr, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 6J6

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!

Tuesday June 25 – Mandatory Racer & Support Crew Briefing/Team Photos

Yukon Visitor Information Centre theatre - 100 Hanson St.

Our seating capacity is 125.

9:30 - 11:00	Voyageur and C4 racers (16 teams, 93 racers)
11:15 - 12:45	SUP C2 C1 K2 K1 racers (61 teams, 85 racers)
1:00 - 2:00	Support Crews 1 crew member per team, except 2 for voyageur

Tuesday June 25 – Volunteer Appreciation - Racer Support Crews Welcome

6:30 - 8:30 pm [Coast Mountain Sports/Sports Experts](#), 309 Main Street

Please invite your support crews to join the YRQ as we thank our volunteers for their time and enthusiasm. RSVP to volunteersyrq@gmail.com with names of your crew so we have enough food.

Race Day Start Schedule

WHITEHORSE Wednesday, June 26

9:00 am start

06:00 – 08:30 – Positioning of boats and random gear checks 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 06:00.
- 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	Canoes/kayaks/SUPs 18-48
07:00 - 08:30	Canoes/ kayaks/SUPs 49-79

Start Ceremony Whitehorse

08:30 – Teams muster at start line for the start horn

Racers are required to meet under the YRQ START banner by the Rotary Park shelter. There will be a brief welcome, an announcement of teams and blessing by a First Nation Elder before the countdown.

09:00 - The start horn will go indicating the start of the 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, Lower Lake Laberge CP2, Carmacks CP3

Wednesday June 26

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).

Wednesday June 26

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 June 26

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.*

Thursday June 27 CARMACKS

Coal Mine Campground CP3 –

CP3 Opens at 05:00 (5AM) Arrival Cut-off Time 19:00 (7 pm)

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 05:00 and continue to arrive until the cut-off time for remaining in the race.

After timing in, teams will be assigned a + 10 hour departure time, the earliest they can leave.

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 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.

Congested area – please pay attention to parking information.

Friday June 28

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, Coffee Creek, and Sixty Mile.

Dawson City Finish Line Schedule

Friday June 28 15:00 (3 pm) All day – Welcome teams!

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 4:00 pm in fast water. After teams finish, they will be directed to the docking area downstream on the right.

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!

Saturday June 29 18:00 (6 PM or sooner)

Dawson City Checkpoint Closes

Cut-off time for official finish is 18:00 (Saturday June 29). 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 30 *New* 09:30 - 12:00

Awards Ceremony Brunch Banquet Dawson City, Fort Herchmer (near the historic Commissioner's Residence)

Celebrating your amazing accomplishments over a great breakfast and announcement of all the award winners!