

Yukon River Quest 2026

Race Events Schedule

(Updated: June 9, 2026)

Welcome to the 26th Annual Yukon River Quest! We are excited to see you this year on the river!

IMPORTANT PRE-RACE DATES

June 6 2026

- All racers please send a two way message to *NEW* 'Comms Room' email yrq2026@yukonriverquest.com

RACE WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday June 14

\$25 per person shuttle with Kanoe People

Whitehorse to Takhini River Bridge (20 km)

Limit of 30 people per pick up.

There is still some room in the 12pm pick up. 2pm is full.

Use [this form](#) to schedule your pick-up at the Takhini River Bridge.

Pay Kanoe People before getting on the river.

Monday June 15

FINAL CHECK-IN ** MANDATORY FOR ALL RACERS**

8 am – 5 pm at the Yukon Visitor Information Centre, 100 Hanson Street and 2nd Avenue

Final Check-In will be all day.

The final check-in volunteers will ensure you have the following things in order/paid for:

- Waivers - We will ensure your waivers are signed and all team members are registered
- Gear Check - All YRQ racers will participate in a full gear check.
- Racer pledge – read and sign
- Media release waiver – read and sign (or not)
- Boat inspections - Any boats that have not been in the YRQ before must be inspected. Those who are renting boats from YRQ, Yukon Race Fleet, Kanoe People or Listers Motor Sports, are not required to bring your boat to Final Check-In. We know those boats meet the dimensions criteria.
- SPOT/InReach: Bring your comms/tracking devices for verification that they are working.
- Bibs: Sponsored Bibs are signed by the team members
- Team Photos: are required with your Bibs.

Once you have completed all the registration criteria you will receive your racer packages and boat number stickers.

Meet and Greet

From 6pm to 8pm at the Old Fire Hall at 1105 Front Street (river end of Main Street).

Tuesday June 16

RACER & SUPPORT CREW BRIEFINGS ****Mandatory****

Yukon Visitor Information Centre Theatre - 100 Hanson St.

9:00 - 10:30	Voyageur and C4 racers
10:45 - 12:15	SUP C2 C1 K2 K1 racers
12:30 - 1:30	Support Crews 1 crew member per team, 2 for C4, up to 3 for voyageurs

RACE DAY WHITEHORSE

Wednesday June 17

06:00 – 08:30 – Positioning of boats and random gear checks at Rotary Peace 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 1-48
07:00 - 08:30	Canoes/ kayaks/SUPs 49-74

Start Line 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/prayer 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 one 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

CP Snapshot:

CP #	CP Name	Latitude	Longitude
1	Policeman's Point	60°57'0.00"	135°5'3.50"
2	Cather's	61°7'3.87"	135°5'58.79"
3	Lower Laberge	61°23'30.90"	135°13'52.20"
4	30 Mile	61°34'01.0"	134°59'23.0"
5	Big Salmon	61°52'50.00"	134°55'25.00"W
6	Little Salmon	62° 3'10.00"	135°40'50.00"
7	Carmacks	62° 6'43.00"	136°16'1.00"
8	Five Finger Rapids	62°16'11.70"	136°21'20.70"
9	Fort Selkirk	62°46'34.80"	137°23'32.30"
10	Coffee Creek Gold	62°54'51.12"	139°04'57.72"
11	60 Mile	63°33'46.20"	139°45'23.90"
12	Dawson	64° 3'46.80"	139°26'9.30"

***** Ft Selkirk is not an official CP in 2026 – there are no designated volunteers there, however it's a good place to go if you need assistance or to get off the water (outhouses and shelter)*****

Wednesday June 17

Policeman's Point CP1 Cut-off Time:

14:00 (2 pm)

Teams must reach CP 1 Policeman's Point within ***5* 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 as a withdrawn team with the Race Marshal's consent (see Rule 29).

Wednesday June 17

Lower Lake Laberge CP3 Cut-off Time – All teams off Lake Laberge

24:00 (12 pm)

Teams must pass by CP2 Lower Lake Laberge **within *15* 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 17

Carmacks CP7 Coal Mine Campground PM – SET UP

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 a camping spot and please pay attention to parking instructions. Racers camping in included in their registration, support crews are required to check in and pay for the night.*

Thursday June 18 CARMACKS Opens

Carmacks CP7 Coal Mine Campground

Opens at 05:00 (5AM) Arrival Cut-off Time 21:00 (9 pm)

All teams must arrive at the Coal Mine Campground Checkpoint CP3 within *36* hours of the start.

CP3- Carmacks is located at [Coal Mine Campground](#) about 2km 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 7 - 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
- There will be random gear checks before heading back out on the river.
- At Carmacks, teams may be given full assistance by their support crew. *Personal flotation devices (PFD) 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 07:00 Friday, will be deemed to have abandoned the race.

If a team has scratched **must notify** the Checkpoint Coordinator by the time the checkpoint closes **or** 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.

The Dawson Dash - YRQ415

Mandatory Gear Check and Briefing: 11am at the Coalmine Campground.

Race Start: evening TBD.

Friday June 19 CARMACKS Closes

07:00 (7am) – CP7 Closes

All teams in the race must depart by this time - **46 hours from the start**. CP7 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 19 DAWSON CITY CP11 Opens

15:00 (3 pm) All day – Welcome teams!

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 a little 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 20 18:00 (6 PM or sooner)

Dawson City CP Closes

Cut-off time for official finish is **18:00 (Saturday June 20)**. 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.

BRUNCH AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Sunday June 21 - National Indigenous Persons Day

09:00 - 12:00 Robert Service Public School, Dawson City

Celebrating 26 years and your amazing accomplishments over a great breakfast, pin ceremony, door prizes and announcement of all the award winners!

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