

Information for Racers

2011 RACE SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 4

Icebreaker Race: Marsh Lake dam to Schwatka Lake (28 kms)

The annual Icebreaker Race will be held on Saturday, May 29. The Icebreaker is a 28 kilometre race from Marsh Lake dam to Schwatka Lake. Register at the Schwatka Lake parking lot beginning at 9 a.m. sharp to allow ample time to have your boat measured by the YRQ practice squad and loaded up for the shuttle. The shuttle leaves the parking lot promptly at 10 a.m. This is a good opportunity for local paddlers and new racers to meet YRQ veterans and get some tips. For more information, contact [Tim Hodgson](#) or Up North Adventures. Hosted by Yukon Canoe & Kayak Club and sponsored by Up North Adventures. There also are weekly races on Schwatka Lake (May) or Chadburn Lake (June) every Wednesday leading up to the race at 7 p.m. Check Calendar for location and details.

Saturday, June 25

Afternoon – Yukon River training run : Whitehorse-Burma (30 kms.)

Put-in next to Kanoe People at 1st and Strickland. Free shuttle available for registered racers at Burma Road pullout at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. to bring teams and boats back to Whitehorse. Sponsored by Kanoe People.



Sunday, June 26

Afternoon – Marathon Paddling Clinic: Schwatka Lake

Instruction by local paddlers. Shuttle to lake and back from Up North Adventures (Strickland between 1st & 2nd). Shuttle leaves Up North promptly at 1 p.m. and returns from lake at 4 p.m. Sponsored by Up North Adventures.



Monday, June 27

Afternoon – Yukon River training run : Whitehorse-Takhini (20 kms.)

Put-in next to Kanoe People at 1st and Strickland. Free shuttle available for registered racers at Takhini River pullout at **1 and 4 p.m.** to bring teams and boats back to Whitehorse. Sponsored by Kanoe People.

6-9 p.m. – YRQ Meet, Greet & Eat welcoming reception at the McBride Museum , 1st and Wood. Appetizers available. Free museum access, river history talk by Alice Cyr, race DVD presentations.

Tuesday, June 28

11 am -3 p.m. - Registration, Boat Measuring and Gear Inspection on lawn behind Yukon Visitor Information Centre, 1st & Hanson



3-3:45 p.m. – Mandatory pre-race briefing for All Support Crews in Yukon Visitor Information Centre theatre.

4-5 p.m. – Mandatory pre-race briefing for All Team Captains and rookie paddlers in Yukon Visitor Information Centre theatre. Welcome by Mayor Bev Buckway. Sponsored by Northland Beverages/Aquafina



Wednesday, June 29

7:30-10:30 a.m. – Positioning of boats & final inspections at Rotary Park.

IMPORTANT –Volunteers will be coordinating vehicle access to avoid congestion. Voyageurs will be launched and moved to their starting locations on the river beginning at 7:30 a.m. Then solo and tandem boats will be lined up by groups of numbers every half hour in the grassy areas according to the schedule below. After boat and gear are in place and vehicle is moved, then there will be a final inspection of your boat and gear.

Voyageurs 7:30-8 am (launch in river, move to starting spot downriver)

#1-25 8-8:30 am (place in grassy area for loading/inspection)
#26-50 8:30-9 am
#51-75 9-9:30 am
#76-100 9:30-10 am

10:30-11:15 a.m. – Movement of boats to the riverbank. Solo and tandem teams return to move boats to assigned spots on the river bank.

11:15-11:30 a.m. – Proceed to Starting Line. All teams need to be at starting line under YRQ banner by the Rotary Park gazebo at 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. – Welcome and Introduction of Teams – Brief speeches by Yukon dignitaries and teams are introduced along with their bib sponsors at the starting line.

12 Noon – Start of 2011 Yukon River Quest! Listen for the SS Klondike whistle! Teams run approximately 100 meters from the banner to the Canada Trail and down to the launch area. Each team may have 1 support person assisting them for the launch.

Thursday, June 30

2:00 a.m. – Teams must be by CP3 Goddard Point near end of Lake Laberge to remain in the race.

6:00 a.m. – Carmacks checkpoint opens at Coal Mine Campground, about 2K past the bridge (for drivers), on the right just before the Campbell Hwy. intersection.

Friday, July 1 • Happy Canada Day!

6:00 a.m. – Carmacks checkpoint closes. All teams in race must depart by this time.

12 noon – Dawson City Finish Line checkpoint opens on Yukon River dike between gazebo and historic CIBC bank building.

Saturday, July 2



Evening - Diamond Tooth Gerties open for racers (tickets in packets), sponsored by Klondike Visitors Association, 4th and Queen.

11:59 p.m. (or sooner) – Dawson Checkpoint Closes. Cut-off time for official finish is 11:59 p.m. Checkpoint will shut down at midnight or earlier, after arrival of last team.

Sunday, July 3

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Awards banquet at Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Centre, on river side of Front Street across from visitor centre. Catered by Percy De Wolfe Society and Northland Beverages. Banquet tickets added to racer packets. Extras may be purchased from YRMPA at registration.