

Yukon River Quest 2025

Race Events Schedule

(Updated: April 16, 2025)

Welcome to the 25th Annual Yukon River Quest! We are excited for you to attend a host of special events in honour of this auspicious year.

IMPORTANT PRE-RACE DATES

May 1 2025

- Deadline to submit the tracker details to 'mark@teammap.net'. Details to follow.
- Deadline to submit your comms details to *NEW* email 'commsroom@yukonriverquest.com'

June 1 2025

- Pay for YRQ provided support crew through the online store
- Last day to register for the race.
- Last day for Bib Sponsors to get in on their promotion.

RACE WEEK SCHEDULE

Saturday June 21 - National Indigenous Persons Day

Free Training Runs by Northern Tales Travel Services - [Sign up here](#)

Whitehorse to Takhini River Bridge (20 km)

Limit of 30 people. Arrange for pick ups at 12:00 and 2:00. Use this form to schedule your pick-up at the Takhini River Bridge.

Sponsored by Northern Tales

Yukon Race Fleet and Yukon River Quest Renter are eligible for this event

Sunday June 22

Free Training Runs by Kanoe People (867) 668-4899 - [Sign up here](#)

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](#)

Yukon Race Fleet and Yukon River Quest Renter are eligible for this event

25th Anniversary Celebration - Sponsored by Lotteries Yukon

16:00 - 18:00 (Location in Whitehorse TBA)

Let's kick off race week with our 25th Anniversary Bash! Join fellow racers, board staff, and families for an epic anniversary event—draws, music, dancing, event history, special guests and tasty snacks!

Working Yukoners Check-In

Yukon teams who have paddlers who cannot attend Check-in on Monday have an option to check in this evening. Contact the Race Coordinator to schedule and get location and times.

Monday June 23

FINAL CHECK-IN

**** MANDATORY****

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

Final Check-In will be all day. In May you will receive a link to SIGN UP.COM to select your Team's registration time slot.

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 first time YRQ 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.
- **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 Lister's 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.

Tuesday June 24

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

Yukon Visitor Information Centre Theatre - 100 Hanson St.

9:00 - 10:30	Voyageur and C4 racers (89 paddlers)
10:45 - 12:15	SUP C2 C1 K2 K1 racers (99 paddlers)
12:30 - 1:30	Support Crews 1 crew member per team, except 2 for voyageur (98 people)

RACE DAY WHITEHORSE

Wednesday June 25

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 1-48
07:00 - 08:30	Canoes/ kayaks/SUPs 49-99

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 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

Wednesday June 25

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 25

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

23:00 (11 pm)

Teams must pass by CP2 Lower Lake Laberge within **(NEW) *14*** 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 25

Carmacks CP3 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.*

Thursday June 26 CARMACKS Opens

Carmacks CP3 Coal Mine Campground

Opens at 05:00 (5AM) Arrival Cut-off Time 20:00 (8 pm)

All teams must arrive at the Coal Mine Campground Checkpoint CP3 within (NEW) *35* 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 (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 06:00 **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.

Friday June 27 CARMACKS Closes

06:00 (6 am) – 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 27 DAWSON CITY CP5 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 28 18:00 (6 PM or sooner)

Dawson City CP 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.

BRUNCH AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Sunday June 29

New 09:00 - 12:00

Robert Service School, Dawson City

Celebrating 25 years and your amazing accomplishments over a great breakfast, pin ceremony, door prizes and announcement of all the award winners!

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