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# 2017 VOYAGEURS RENDEZVOUS

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## 2017 Voyageurs Canoe Race - 1600 km

Extreme Adventure and Reality Event - June 29 to July 23, 2017

### RACE RULES AND REGULATIONS - EQUIPMENT:

1. Only standard model north canoes or voyageur canoes will be accepted, standard curve and no V-bottoms. No pumps. No automatic balers. No modifications. Venturi bailers to be taped over.
2. All canoes will be weighed and measured at June 29 weigh-in.
3. Canoes will be 25 feet in length, plus or minus 10 inches. No modifications.
4. Canoes will be 48 inches minimum width.
5. Canoes will be 18 inches minimum depth at center thwart.
6. Canoes will be minimum 36 inches height at bow and stern, plus or minus 2 inches.
7. Canoes will be symmetrical bow to stern.
8. Canoes will have acceptable flotation chambers.
9. All seats to be standard benches. No sliding or contoured seats, wood and webbing recommended.
10. All canoes will be minimum 275 pounds — empty. Weight will be added to reach minimum.
11. Paddles: single, any material, bent or straight shaft.
12. Each voyageur will wear an approved "P.F.D."
13. Each canoe must carry 2 spare paddles.
14. Each canoe must carry 75 feet 3/8" polypropylene recovery line in throw bag or wrapped tightly on a spare life jacket, in stern, and fastened to stern.
15. Each canoe must carry 75 feet 3/8" polypropylene bow line - tow line stored in bow, on specified days.
16. Each crew member must start each day with minimum 2 liters drinking fluid plus food.
17. One emergency pack with dry-bag or double-poly in each canoe each day to be fastened beneath a seat. Each pack to contain "sealed baggie" packages holding: 6 rain jackets, 6 dry t-shirts, min. 2 doz. power or candy bars, 1 pkg. of 12 upper-body size poly bags for emergency all weather use, 1-10'x12' light tarpaulin with corner ropes, 1 leatherman-style knife, 1-16"-20" hand axe, 1 roll duct tape for canoe patching, 1 lighter, matches and toilet roll in "baggie."
18. Each canoe is required to carry 1 supplied Rupertsland Express mail bag - tied in each day. See Race Format page.
19. Teams are required to camp and sleep in tents in camp areas designated each day by the committee and the communities.
20. Teams to be self-contained for camping and food, although most communities may provide some meals.

## SCHEDULE

**EVENT • Rocky Mountain North Canoe Brigade**  
25 ft. Canoes - \$275 registration per team inclusive  
June 24 & 25 - Assembly - Kootenay Plains Campground Introductions, Camp, Hike Siffleur Falls, BBQ  
June 26 - Canoe - Sask. Crossing to Cline R. 42K  
June 27 - Bighorn Dam & Crescent Falls Viewing  
Canoe Bighorn R. to Saunders Landing, 43K  
June 28 - Canoe Saunders to R.M.H. Nat'l Hist. Site, 72K  
Camp, Reception, Voyageurs Rendezvous

**EVENT • Voyageur Whitewater Canoe Race**  
June 29 - Saunders to Hwy. 11A, R.M.H., 77K  
Classes - 15', 16', 17', 18', 18'6", 19' Canoes  
Men's - Ladies' Mixed / \$200 entry. \$5,000 Cash Split  
Finish - Parade - Events - Reception - Banquet - Voyageurs Ball

**EVENT • Voyageurs Rendezvous Reunion**  
June 28 - Registration, reception for 1967 Voyageurs, Rendezvous - Reunion program. Rocky Mountain House National Historical Site. Arrival Rocky Mountain North Canoe Brigade, BBQ, entertainment  
June 29 - Reunion Breakfast - memory time at Highwater House Nat'l Hist. Site, Finish Voyageur Whitewater Canoe Race at Hwy. 11A Bridge, PARADE - River Park to Main Street - featuring 1967 Voyageurs and 2017 Canoes and Voyageurs "Marketplace on Main", Canada 150 Canoe Weigh-in & Measure - Civic Reception, Dinner, Introductions, Honoured Guests, Honorary Voyageurs, Welcome 1967 Centennial Voyageurs, Prizes, Whitewater Canoe Race, Guests, Entertainment, Voyageurs Ball  
June 30 - Pancake Breakfast at Historic Site, Entertainment, Start Canada 150 Canoe Race - Sprint #1 Historic Site to Hwy. 11A, return. 10K BBQ, Entertainment, Fireworks

### EVENT • 2017 Voyageurs Rendezvous Canoe Race

July 1 Race Start - Rocky Mountain House Nat'l. Historic Site to The Pas, Manitoba - 1600K

- July 1 - Lap 1: Alder Flats, Rose Creek - 112K
- July 2 - Lap 2: Drayton Valley 24K - 136K
- July 3 - Lap 3: Devon 120K - 256K
- July 4 - Lap 4: Fort Saskatchewan 75K - 331K
- July 5 - Lap 5: Pagan, Smoky Lake, 77K - 408K
- July 6 - Lap 6: Duvernay, Two Hills, 83K - 491K
- July 7 - Lap 7: Elk Point, Buckingham House 61K - 552K
- July 8 - Lap 8: Hwy. 17, Lloydminster, Fort Pitt 82K - 634K
- July 9 - Lap 9: Hwy. 21, Turtleford, 75K - 709K
- July 10 - Lap 10: North Battleford, 115K - 824K
- July 11 - National Park Program Day, Sprint
- July 12 - Lap 11: Borden Bridge, Hwy. 16, 107K - 931K
- July 13 - Saskatoon Park Program Day, Sprint
- July 14 - Lap 12: Fort Carlton, 82K - 1013K
- July 15 - Lap 13: Prince Albert, 88K - 1101K
- July 16 - Prince Albert Program Day, Sprint
- July 17 - Lap 14: Peter Smith First Nation, 78K - 1179K
- July 18 - Lap 15: Nipawin, 80K - 1259K
- July 19 - Lap 16: Tobin Lake Dam, 61K - 1320K
- July 20 - Lap 17: Cumberland House, 120K - 1440K
- July 21 - Cumberland House Program Day
- July 22 - Lap 18: The Pas, 125K - 1565K Mileage for Sprints, 35K - Total Mileage - 1600K
- July 23 - The Pas Program Day, Sprint, Closing Ceremonies - Prize Money - Awards

Total Mileage : 2017 Voyageurs Rendezvous Canoe Race - 1,000 miles (1,600K)  
Total Prize Money \$160,000 (prize money subject to change)  
Prize Money Split:  
\$50,000, \$30,000, \$20,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000 All Finishing Teams (Prize money subject to total entries) Additional Prize Monies - Local Sprints  
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