



CANADA 150
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2017 VOYAGEURS RENDEZVOUS

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2017 Voyageurs Rendezvous Canoe Race

Extreme Adventure And Reality Event

RACE FORMAT:

1. Caution. This is a challenging endurance event and will test every paddler. Those who pass the test and complete the course will earn the name Voyageur, a name synonymous with Canada's history for over 300 years.
2. The race is for the fastest accumulated time including laps and sprints, from Rocky Mountain House, AB, to The Pas, Manitoba. The race will simulate the continuous race against seasons, elements, and competitors, by the first traders and explorers as they mapped and marked our country's boundaries. This race by north canoes will recall the race of the express canoes of the Northwest Company and the Hudson's Bay Company to carry the news to the most remote outposts.
3. The race will use the 25-foot voyageur canoe, designed and built to be a replica of the north canoe, le canot du nord, of two centuries ago.
4. This is a paddling race, unassisted. No sails. No rudders. No pumps.
5. Voyageurs are required to wear coloured team shirts, sashes, and leg ties. Scarves or headbands are optional. Leg ties are strips of sash or scarf tied below the knee for colour and to deflect insects.
6. Captain's evening briefings each day will outline types and times for the next day's start, sprint, or other items of interest or concern.
7. Voyageurs are asked to participate in community programs, events or "jams" each day in an attitude of camaraderie and sportsmanship.
8. The suspension of timing on any day due to a weather or river event will be at the discretion of the timers, judges, and race committee.
9. The mailbag carried by each canoe, "The Rupertsland Express", will carry the mail, philatelic collector stamps and envelopes with frameable-quality certificates for philatelic collectors worldwide. The envelopes will be stamped with a special issue "2017 Voyageurs Rendezvous" stamp, and postmarked at Rocky Mountain House. Each envelope will be mailed to the purchaser from The Pas, Manitoba. The certificate with artwork, will certify that the envelope was carried by canoe from Rocky Mountain House, Alberta to The Pas, Manitoba, in celebration of Canada 150. The cost of each stamped envelope and certificate will be \$20.17 plus a postage and handling charge of \$6.60 CDN., \$8.60 US., and \$9.95 for European residents. To purchase a certificate, contact canada150.chs@gmail.com.
10. The arrival of our event in each community will endeavour to duplicate and encourage the excitement and pageantry that the arrival of the fur brigades created in the same communities 200 years ago in Rupertsland. We ask all voyageurs to play their special part in this celebration of Canada's Confederation, with spirit, and a sense of history and pride.

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, Honourary 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: Pakan, 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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Help us celebrate Canada and our unique Canadian icon, the North Canoe