



CANADA 150
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2017 VOYAGEURS RENDEZVOUS

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Quest, Isle la Crosse, 2005



Canoe Pavilion - RMH National Historic Site, 1992



Winter training, Gib, Ken, Bob, George, Vic, 1966



Quest, Pelican Narrows, 2005



Gib & Norm with Queen's Rent, 2005



Ft. Francis Sprint - Rainy Lake, 1967

HI THERE CANADIANS, PADDLERS, VOYAGEURS, FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS AND COMMUNITIES ALONG OUR RIVERS,

This is an invitation for you to meet with us in 2017 to help us celebrate another Canadian milestone: 150 years since CANADA'S CONFEDERATION! We will celebrate again the co-operation between first nations and traders, and the competition between the North Canoe brigades of the Northwest and Hudson's Bay Companies. Their canoes - Canots du Nord - expanded the boundaries of Prince Rupert's Royal Charter from the Hudson's Bay watershed to the Athabasca, Peace and Mackenzie Rivers, then the Fraser, Columbia and Yukon Rivers. The North Canoes of Thompson, Mackenzie, Frazer, Simpson, Black and others, defined the future borders of Canada from sea, to sea, to sea.

2017 is 50 years since our epic 5250 km canoe race from Rocky Mountain House to Montreal in Centennial year, 1967. Then in 1970 we raced our canoes to the Arctic Ocean to celebrate the purchase of Rupertsland by CANADA'S new government in 1870. In 2005, we raced across Saskatchewan on the Churchill River with you to celebrate their first 100 years. In 2005, we carried the Queen's Rent for Rupertsland for the Hudson's Bay Co. from Rocky Mountain House to Edmonton. We carried the Rent by canoe and were in time for the Queen's arrival. In all of these endeavours and many others, we have enjoyed your companionship and support as we attempted to recreate a little history. You helped us build our canoe pavilion at Rocky Mountain House. We invite you to spend a few days with us to relive our history and celebrate being CANADIAN. We have much to celebrate. Join us for dancing, feasting, visiting, entertainment, canoe events and fireworks. We are planning three canoe events to compliment our Voyageurs Rendezvous 2017, as well as an exciting schedule of other events. For brigade paddlers, a North Canoe Brigade, June 24-28, will be an exciting 157 km white-water run to Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site. For athletes, marathoners and competitive paddlers, we are planning a 77 km tandem canoe race on June 29. Our feature event is the 1600 km North Canoe race, from Rocky Mountain House to The Pas, Manitoba. This challenging re-enactment of the brigades of old will cross the span of Rupertsland, and will be called the CANADA 150 CANOE RACE- RUPERTSLAND EXPRESS. This race will start during our Voyageurs Rendezvous 2017 and will offer \$160,000 prize money, subject to entry numbers, to be split among all teams. Contact us soon for entry information, race rules, regulations and schedules



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Norm Crerar, Leigh Noton and Bud Salloum

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

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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