



## Northern Hardware Prince George Canoe Race

### Alexander Mackenzie Class - 67.5 km

**Start: Isle Pierre GPS: 53.9606° N, 123.2341° W**

**Google Map: Isle Pierre, BC**

The Race Committee has decided after much consideration and discussion within the marathon paddling community that the 2018 Northern Hardware Prince George Canoe Race will allow only canoes that measure a maximum of 18'6" in length and 33.4" at the 4" waterline. Acceptable Stock Class models that have been used in the Race will include the Clipper Whitewater II, Wenonah Minnesota II, Savage River Susquehanna.

Other canoe models meeting these specifications will be allowed. New models of canoe that are not listed in this document will need to be presented to the Race Committee in writing with boat specifications and photographs two weeks before the Race day.

"Cruiser" models of canoe that meet the stock boat length and minimum width but are tucked in at the bow and stern like pro-boats will **NOT** be allowed in this Race.

All canoes being used in the Alexander Mackenzie Class will need to be inspected and pass boat specification and safety requirements the night before at the Race package pickup at Stride & Glide Sports.

- No pro-boats will be allowed.
- No solo watercraft of any kind will be allowed.
- No kayaks, SUPs or inflatables are allowed.
- Canoes must be a minimum of 16' and a maximum of 18'6" in length.

## Acceptable Recognized Stock Class Canoes

- **Clipper:** Whitewater II, Tripper, Prospector, Mackenzie, Yukon, Jensen Stock
- **Wenonah:** Minnesota II, Escape, Prospector, Sundowner, Escapade, Adirondack
- **Savage River:** Susquehanna, Deep Creek
- **Hellman:** Arrow, Kootenay, Slocan, Prospector, Cruiser
- **H2O Canoe Company:** Slingshot 222, Boundary, Horizon, Super Cruiser
- **Langford:** Northwind
- **Swift:** Winisk, Temagami, Keewaydin
- **Mad River:** Expedition 18'6"

## Safety Requirements for all Canoes

- Throw bag with 25' of line
- One spare paddle per canoe
- One manual bailer (pail) or mechanical or hull bailer
- Floatation airbag(s) is permissible
- NO deck covering or splash guards are allowed
- A bow number provided in the Race package will be placed on the right side bow of all canoes and on the left side stern on all canoes

## Paddlers

- Although there is a Safety Team (Jet boat/SAR Techs) on the water paddlers are always obligated to ensure the safety of themselves and fellow competitors should there be hazards before proceeding.
- Two paddlers per canoe at the start of the Race must continue as the same pair to the completion of the Race. If one paddler is not able to continue the team will be given a did not finish/DNF.
- Canoes that dump will be rescued by the Jetboats/SAR Team as quickly as possible and may continue if deemed safe by the Safety Team.
- All paddlers must wear a CSA approved lifejacket/PFD with an attached whistle (FOX 40 or equivalent) during the entire Race.
- Single blade paddles only. Paddles may be of any material, straight or bent shaft.
- Paddlers are responsible for their own hydration and nutrition during the Race. No "pit stops" along the shore line are permitted for refuelling fluids and food.
- NO portages are permitted.
- At the finish line canoes must pass between the shoreline and orange finish buoy. Paddlers proceed into Hudson Bay Slough where canoes can be removed to the Park.
- Any Race dispute will be handled by the Race Committee judges and Race Director. All disputes must be presented in writing within one hour of the team crossing the finish line. All decisions made will be final.

## Race Registration

- On-line at [www.strideandglide.ca](http://www.strideandglide.ca) under **Events**.
- All paddlers who are not members of CKBC **MUST** purchase with their registration “Day Membership” with CKBC for insurance purposes.

## Race Package

- Race packages are picked up at Stride & Glide Sports the night before the Race
- Two Race numbers (one to be affixed the right side bow and the other to left side stern)
- Race shirts (if ordered)
- Two Tickets for Post Race B-bq at Lheidli T’enneh Memorial Park (finish line)
- Entry in the Northern Hardware Prince George Canoe Race gives you a chance at winning many great raffle prizes provided by local sponsors.
- Northern Hardware and local sponsor logos to be affixed to the right side of the canoe.

## Race Start 9:00 am

- Paddlers are encouraged to arrive at the Isle Pierre put in 1.5 hours before Race start time. It is approximately 45 minute drive from Prince George to the put in and “Canoe Race” signs are evident along the way.
- Pre Race briefing at 8:15 am by the Race Director will be important as they will have up to date River conditions, recommended routes and identified hazards.
- Race duration for the 67.5 km route is approximately 3.5 to 4.5 hours paddling time depending on water levels and skill level of paddlers.
- There are two sets of rapids to negotiate (Class 2 or 3 depending on the water level) at approximately 5 km (Isle Pierre) and 25 km (Mud River) into the Race.
- Canoes will launch in an up river direction at approximately 8:40 am and paddle up stream along the shoreline until all the canoes are on the water. Paddlers will then proceed to eddy out into the current and float down together across the River.
- The Race Director will signal with a whistle 1 minute before the start and a bear banger “pop” will indicate the beginning of the Race at approximately 9:00 am.

