

THE REVELSTOKE PADDLESPORT ASSOCIATION  
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# LAKE REVELSTOKE PADDLESPORT CHALLENGE

July 17 - 19, 2020

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 4

**Early Bird Registration**

Enter before June 5, 2020  
and save up to \$30 per  
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The **LAKE REVELSTOKE CHALLENGE** welcomes paddlers of all abilities.

- \* Choose to paddle one, two or three days of the 125 kilometers from Mica Creek to the five-mile boat launch above the Revelstoke Dam with no portages. See the course maps on pages 5 and 6.
- \* Take the Challenge! There is an Open Touring Class for recreational, non-competitive paddlers who just want to complete the full 3-day course and earn their distance pin. In this class there are no boat, age or gender sub-classes and no medals awarded.
- \* Competitive paddlers compete for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals in their boat class with age and gender sub-classes for solo and tandem boats. Please see the list of boats and specifications for competitive paddlers on page 4 to determine your boat class.
- \* All paddlers will receive snacks, paddler shuttles if needed, and a post race meal. The event is limited to 100 boats.
- \* Early registration at a reduced price and free t-shirt ends on June 5. Registration deadline is July 4.
- \* Distance pins (125 km for the first year, 250 km for the second year, etc.) are awarded to all paddlers who complete the full 3-day course.
- \* Options: Competitive paddlers may enter to paddle all 3 days Friday to Sunday, or 2-days (Saturday and Sunday) from Goldstream Creek or one day (Sunday) from Mars Creek.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Join us and paddle part or all of this three-day, 125 journey following in the wake of the famous Canadian explorer David Thompson on the Columbia River now known as Lake Revelstoke. The course parallels highway 23 between the snow capped Selkirk and Monashee mountains. It begins at Mica Creek, 147 km north of Revelstoke, and ends at the 5 mile boat launch near Revelstoke Dam about 10 km north of Revelstoke. We acknowledge that the course is in the Secwépemc peoples territory and we thank them for allowing us to use their lands and waters.

The event offers a singular opportunity for racers to test their skill and endurance on a challenging course competing for awards in their boat, age and gender class. All paddlers will experience adventure amid some of the most breathtaking scenery in Canada.

Canoes, kayaks, row-boats and stand-up paddleboards are welcome in many age, family and gender classes. There is a group for everyone!

Many businesses, civic groups and volunteers make this event a positively memorable experience for all participants. Incredible help comes from many volunteers and businesses in and around Revelstoke. Our sponsors appreciate your support.

## LODGING:

There are many lodging and dining facilities in Revelstoke. Please support our sponsors. Be aware that there are no services on highway 23 north of Revelstoke (gas, food or lodging) and that the start line at Mica Creek is a 147 km (2 hour) drive from Revelstoke.

## CAMPING:

Developed camping sites on highway 23 along our canoe route include Martha Creek Provincial Park - 46 sites (for reservations [www.discovercamping.ca](http://www.discovercamping.ca) or 800-689-9025), and the following non-reservable recreation sites ([www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca](http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca)): Wadey (LaForme) - 30 sites, Carnes Creek - 33 sites and Downie Creek - 22 sites. See maps on pages 8 and 9 for locations. Camping is also available on public land along highway 23, but park well off the white line on the edge of the highway and refrain from littering.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

Entries are accepted by mail, e-mail or on the [WEBSCORER.COM](http://WEBSCORER.COM) website until 5:00 PM, PT, July 4, 2020. You can use e-transfers or PayPal for credit card payments. Registrations must be accompanied with a signed waiver for each paddler and fees. Registrants will be listed on our web site by boat class in early June. A paper registration form is included with this booklet.

## ENTRY FEES:

\$130.00 per paddler for solo boats. \$100.00 per paddler for 2, 3 and 4 paddlers per boat. \$80 per paddler for 6 or more paddlers per boat. \$80 per paddler if paddling 2 days (Saturday and Sunday), \$60 per paddler if paddling on Sunday only.

## ENTRY FEE DISCOUNTS AND SURCHARGES:

Early bird discount for registering by June 5: \$30 off for solo paddlers, \$20 off per paddler for boats with 2, 3 or 4 paddlers, \$10 off per paddler for boats with 6 or more paddlers. Late registrations received between July 5 and July 13 must include a \$50 surcharge per paddler. Late registrations without this fee or received after July 13 will be returned.

## PARTICIPANT'S PACKET:

Participant packets will be mailed out by July 2 to the first person listed on the registration form. The packet will include boat numbers, meal tickets, T-shirts and Paddlers' Guides.

## REFUND POLICY:

Refunds for cancellations will be available until July 6, 2020 subject to a \$25.00 per person administration fee. No refunds after July 6 for any reason.



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## **SPECIAL MEALS:**

We are offering a pre-race Lasagna pasta dinner with side salad and non-alcoholic beverage on Thursday evening at the Big Eddy Pub on Big Eddy Road just off highway 23 SOUTH (see map Day 3) for \$20 per person tax and tip included. Reserve on the registration form. A nice way to meet other paddlers.

A free (to competitors and volunteers) post race BBQ will be served at the finish line (5-mile boat launch) between 12:30 pm and 4:00 pm on Sunday with the awards ceremony. A limited number of extra tickets will be available for sale at the BBQ.

## **AWARDS PRESENTATION AND FESTIVITIES:**

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in all competitive classes (all options) at the awards ceremony and post race BBQ as soon as all boats are in. All paddlers completing all three days of the event are eligible for a distance pin. There will also be some special awards, music and other festivities.

## **BUS SHUTTLE:**

There is a free shuttle for paddlers, but not their boats, before the race each day from the finish line to the start line. On your first paddling day drop your boat at the start line before the start and drive to the finish line to catch the shuttle bus back to the start line. Your vehicle will then be at the finish line when you arrive. If you are paddling a second or third day your boat will be at the start line so just drive your vehicle to the finish line to catch the shuttle. Check the YES box on the Registration Form if you will require this service.

## **SAFETY IS OUR MAIN CONCERN: Please read carefully**

All paddlers must carry a Transport Canada approved life vest, with a pea whistle attached, in their boat AT ALL TIMES. Life vests must be accessible and may NOT be attached to the boat. Boat cushions are not considered adequate flotation devices. Paddler's under 14 and SUP paddlers must wear life vests while on the water. All boats except SUP's must have a 5 meter cord of sufficient strength attached to their bow for towing should the need arise. SUP's must have a leash attached to the board and paddler.

All boats must keep within 200 meters of the East shore of the Lake except when crossing the mouths of creeks and small bays. Boats exceeding the 200 meters will be disqualified and removed from the event.

It is the responsibility of all participants to aid fellow paddlers if the need arises.

To ensure the safety of all participants, there will be patrol boats staffed with professional personnel and other volunteers who are the final arbiters on questions of safety. They are equipped with communication devices and are there to offer assistance. They reserve the right to disqualify a boat, delay, shorten or stop the event at any time due to wind, weather or other conditions, require paddlers to accept a tow, land their boat or leave the race if, in their opinion, the safety of either the paddlers in question or others are being jeopardized, disqualify any paddler who, in their opinion, is interfering with or disregarding any safety procedure, require paddlers to WEAR their life vests, take any action they deem necessary to ensure the safety of any or all participants. A boat carrying alcohol or recreational drugs will be automatically disqualified.

If the race is stopped or delayed your time will be recorded at the last check point and you will be guided to a shore location and instructions given about resuming or canceling the rest of the day.

Cut-off times have been established for each day of racing to ensure that all paddlers and volunteers are off the water before dark. Paddlers failing to make a cut-offs will be pulled out and be listed as DNF "did not finish" for that day, and may paddle the next day in the Open Touring Class but will not be eligible for distance pins.

## **PIT CREWS:**

We encourage paddlers to have support personnel, or "pit crews", accompany them along the way. Pit crews can offer refreshments and encouragement enabling paddlers to focus on the task at hand. Pit crews must provide their own vehicles. Pit crews may provide nutritional assistance and encouragement but may NOT upgrade equipment during the course of a day's paddling. Only broken or malfunctioning gear may be replaced.

## **VOLUNTEERS:**

If you know someone who might volunteer to record times at checkpoints or provide a safety boat please call the race hotline at (250) 814-7473. We want to make this event enjoyable and successful for all! Volunteers are offered expenses and a free meal at the awards festivities on Sunday and a volunteers dinner after the event.

# GENDER, AGE AND BOAT CLASSES

## CHOOSE YOUR CHALLENGE

**3-DAY CHALLENGE:** This is the option for paddlers who want to complete the whole 3-day course starting at Mica Creek.

**2-DAY CHALLENGE:** This option is for paddlers who want to complete the last 2 days (Saturday and Sunday) starting at Goldstream Creek.

**1-DAY CHALLENGE:** This is the class for paddlers who want to complete the last day only (Sunday) starting at Mars Creek .

**GENDER CLASSES:** Male, female and mixed for solo and tandem boats only.

**AGE CLASSES:** Based on the youngest person in the boat. JUNIOR: UNDER 26; INTERMEDIATE: 26 to 39; MASTERS: 40 +; SENIORS: 60 +; SUPER VETERANS: 75+ in C-2 stock, touring kayak and C-4 stock classes only:

## **BOAT CLASSES:**

**NOTE:** Paddlers should consider boats that are stable enough to handle windy conditions found on the lake from time-to-time. The on-site boat judge is the final arbiter of all class decisions. If you have any questions call the race hotline at (250) 814-7473.

**3-DAY OPEN TOURING:** This is the non – competitive class for canoes, kayaks and SUP's who want to complete the whole course and earn their prestigious distance pin. No age or gender divisions and no 1st, 2nd, or 3rd-place medals will be given. You are only in it to finish. Times will be kept and recorded for your information. This group of paddlers will start first each day.

**C-1 RACING:** One person in a solo racing canoe (concave gunwales).

**C-1 STOCK:** Solo canoe. Maximum length – 17' 0", Tumblehome not to exceed 3.5" per side. No minimum weight.

**C-1 RECREATION:** Any solo canoe with a maximum length of 16' 0" and a minimum width at the 4" waterline of 22". Must use a double-bladed paddle.

**C-2 RACING:** Two person (tandem) racing canoe. Included in this class are Wenonah SCR'S (Standard Class Racers); COMP cruisers; and 3 x 27's, Jensen V1 and Jensen P3. If it looks like a racing canoe with concave gunnels, it is.

**C-2 STOCK:** Two person (tandem) canoe. There are minimal concave lines in the hull and no concave lines in the gunwales. Maximum length is 18' 6", no minimum weight. Minimum width at 4" waterline is 15 percent of length (33 5/16" for 18'6"). Tumblehome max is 1" per side. The current C-2 Stock list includes: Jensen 17, Jensen 18, Jensen WW11, Sundowner, Minnesota II, Monarch, Odyssey, Escape, Escapade, Traveler 17' 5", Traveler 18' 6", Monarch; Lamoille, Horizon; Northstar, Northwind, Northwoods, Susquehanna, Cruiser.

**C-2 RECREATION:** Two person (tandem) canoe. Maximum length – 17', 6". Weight – minimum of 55 pounds (25 kg) from the manufacturer. No concave gunnels.

**C-3 FAMILY:** Must be related, with one paddler 16 years old or younger – or a dog (on a leash). Recreation or Stock boats only. Paddlers under 14 MUST WEAR a Transport Canada approved life vest while in the canoe.

**C-4 UNLIMITED:** Maximum length of 26 feet, Minimum weight 50 pounds. Boat must be built to accommodate 4 paddlers. Minimum width at the widest point from gunwale to gunwale is 32". No concavity along the length of the gunwale from bow to stern. Minimum depth: Bow = 17", Center = 12 ½", Stern = 13 ½". Paddlers must use canoe paddles. One of a kind boats are permitted.

**STANDARD VOYAGEUR CANOE:** Minimum of 6 paddlers in a canoe built to meet the following specifications: Maximum length 28', Minimum width at gunwales and 6" waterline 39", Minimum depth of 14".

**OPEN VOYAGEUR CANOE:** Minimum of 7 paddlers in a boat built to accommodate them.

**K-1 TOURING KAYAK:** Solo kayak of any material with a maximum length of 20' and a minimum width at the 4" waterline of 18".

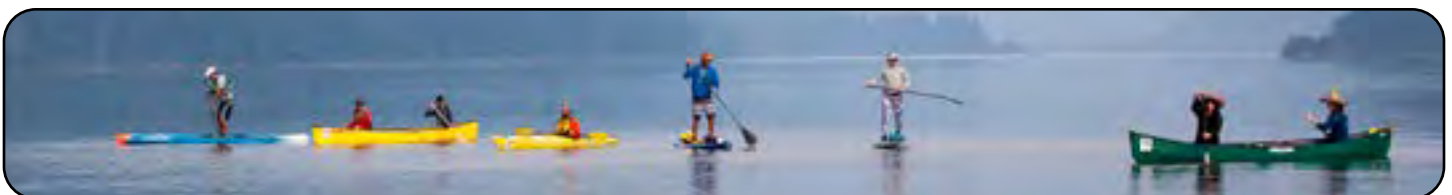
**K-1 UNLIMITED KAYAK:** Solo kayak over 20' long and/or less than 18" wide at the 4" waterline.

**K-2 TWO-PERSON KAYAK:** Two people in any kayak.

**SUP "A"** Stand-up-paddle board: 12' 6" or less

**SUP "B"** Stand-up paddle board: 14' or less.

**SUP "C"** Stand-up paddle board: over 14'.



Course maps  
map scale: 1 cm = 2 km

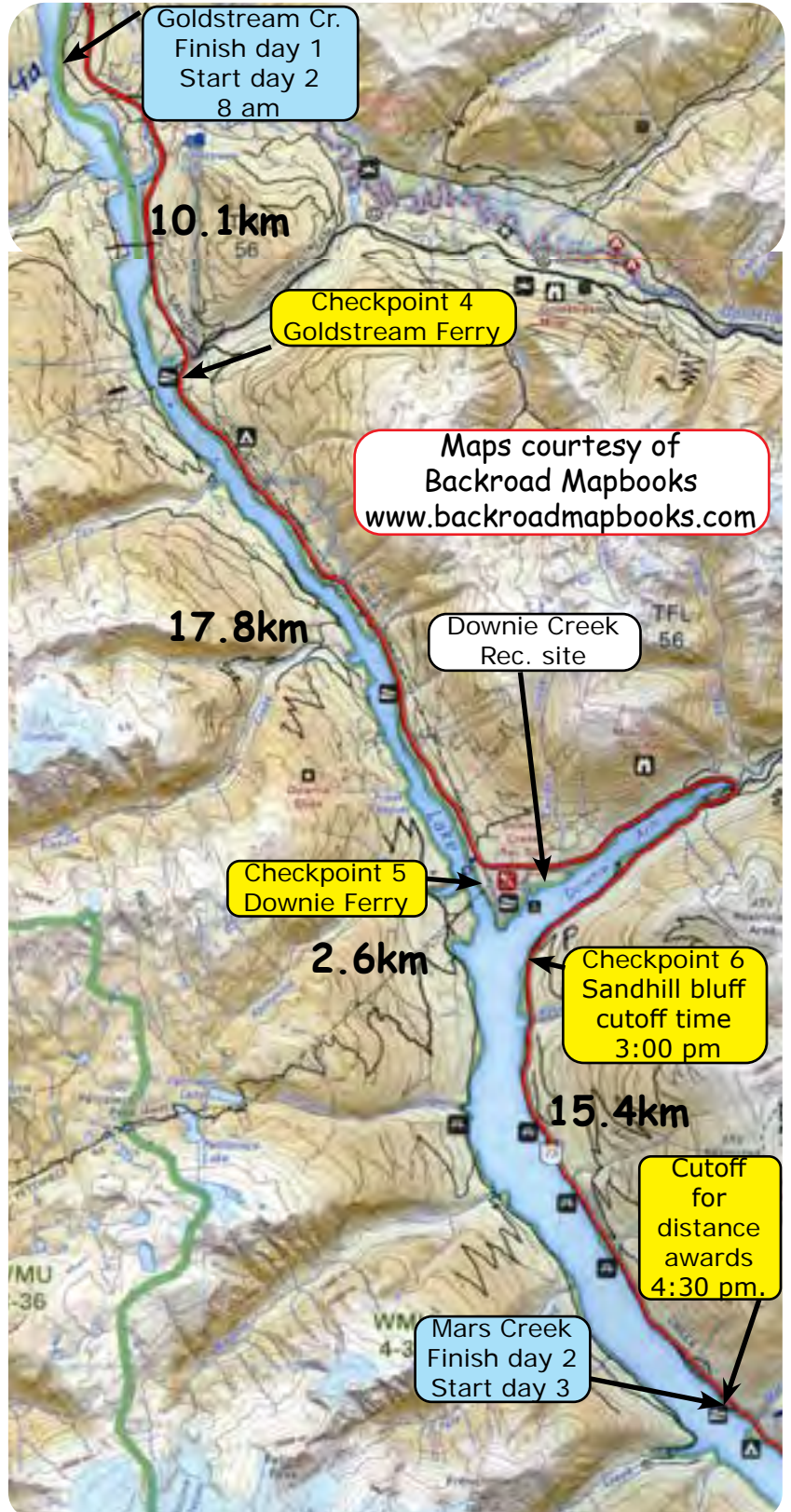
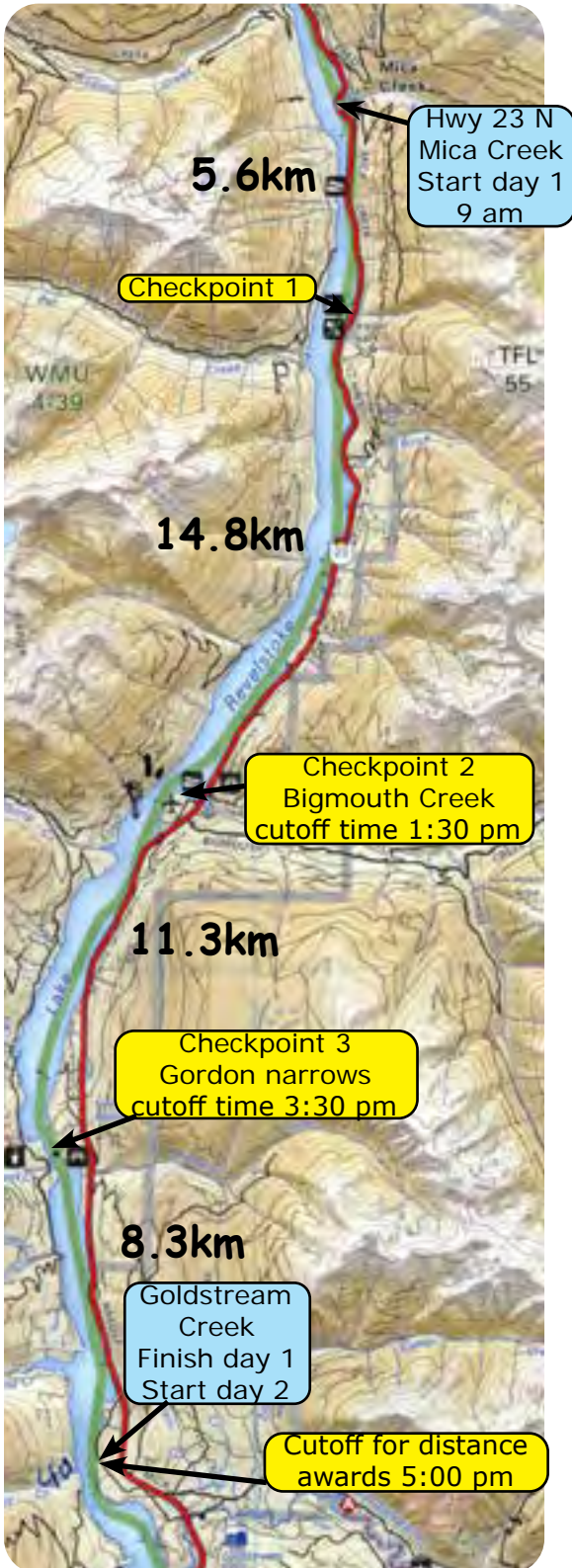
**Day 1**

Mandatory paddlers meeting  
8:30 am. All paddlers must attend.  
Start 9:00 am  
Total distance: 40 km (24 mi.)



**Day 2**

Mandatory paddlers meeting 7:30 am  
Start 8:00 am  
Total distance: 46 km (28 mi.)



**Day 3**  
 Mandatory paddlers meeting 7:30 am  
 Start 8:00 am  
 Total distance: 39 km (24 mi.)



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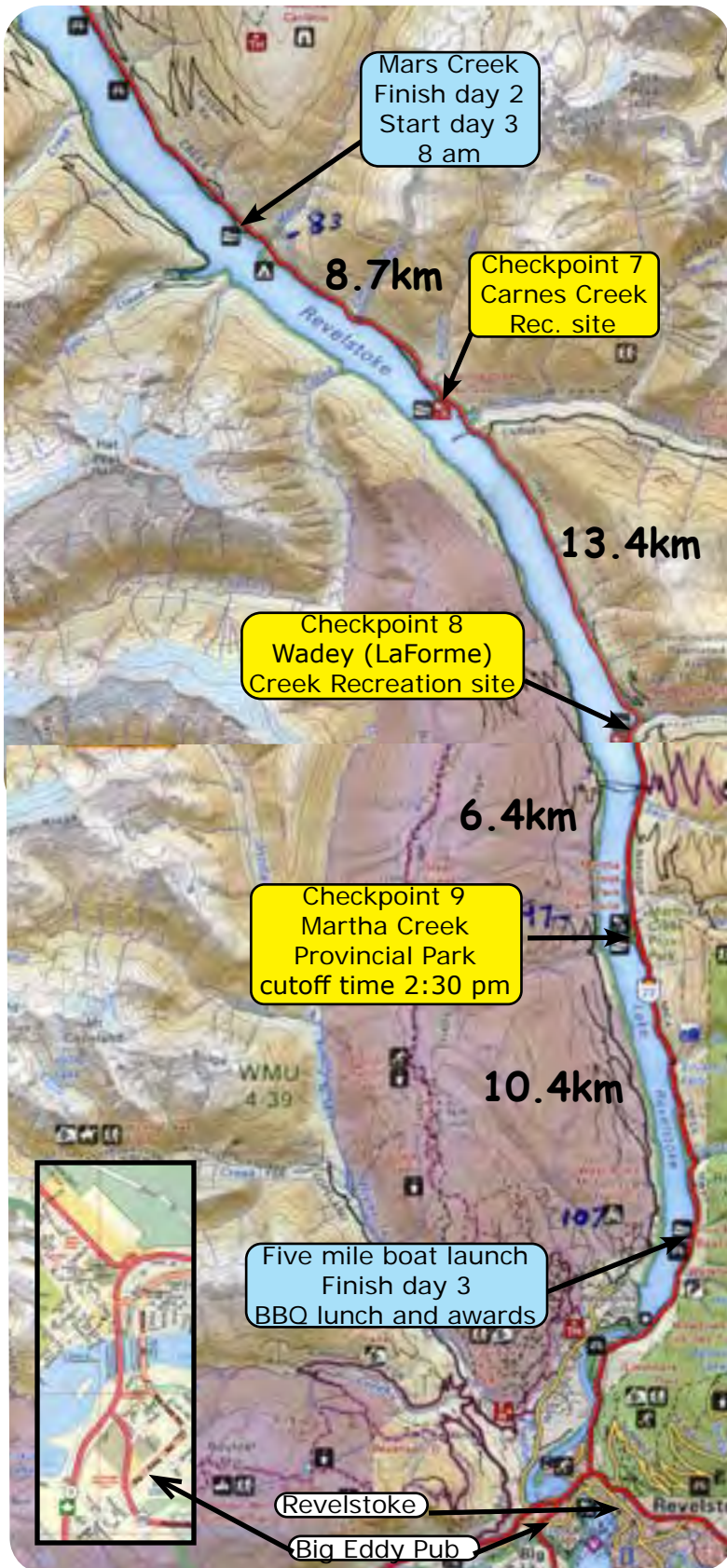
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 Race hotline (250) 814-7473

[www.paddlerevelstoke.ca](http://www.paddlerevelstoke.ca)

Registration forms at [WEBSCORER.COM](http://WEBSCORER.COM)

*Registration form may be attached*



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