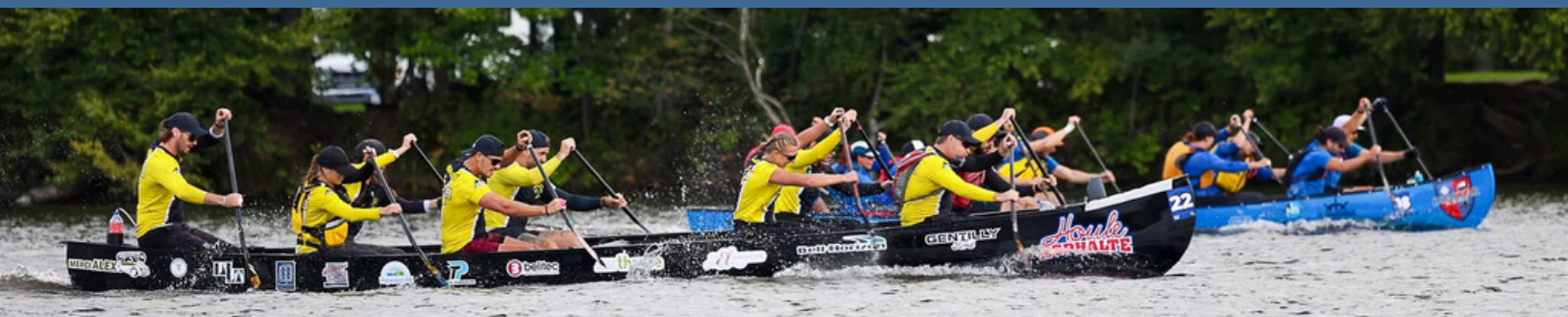


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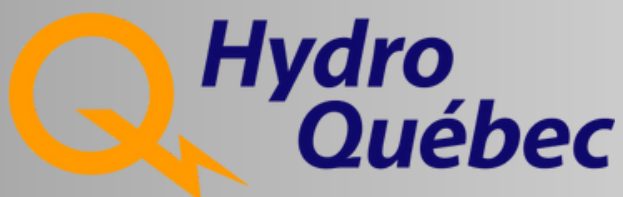
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Honorary President



It is with great pride that I join you as Honorary President of this 92nd edition of the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie.

For nearly a century, this iconic race has energized the region and united communities around a shared passion: marathon canoeing.

Here, we celebrate tradition, courage, and the drive to push beyond our limits. We pay tribute to the strength of the athletes who face the currents of the Saint-Maurice River, paddling with heart, determination, and resilience.

Congratulations to the new Board of Directors and to all the volunteers for organizing this event.

To the community, come together and cheer on the canoeists along the banks of the Saint-Maurice during the Labour Day weekend.

And to the athletes—make the most of every moment and take on this great challenge with passion.

Wishing you all a great competition !



The Rt. Hon. Jean Chrétien

HONORARY PRESIDENT 92ND
MAURICIE INTERNATIONAL
CANOE CLASSIC



MESSAGE DU PREMIER MINISTRE

La course en canot est une tradition sportive authentiquement québécoise, qui éveille les passions et qui attire les foules. Les gens de la Mauricie ont raison d'être fiers de leur marathon annuel, une compétition sur 200 kilomètres qui, pour une 92^e année, rassemblera en grand nombre amateurs, familles et amis sur les rives de la rivière Saint-Maurice. Toute la région est mise à contribution, et des bénévoles dévoués font le succès de cette Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie 2025.

Le gouvernement du Québec salue le travail des organisateurs de ce grand rendez-vous annuel, qui attire plus de 200 sportifs de haut niveau et des milliers de visiteurs. La Tuque, Shawinigan, Trois-Rivières et les environs vont vivre, en cette longue fin de semaine de la fête du Travail, une effervescence hors du commun.

Il faut aussi souligner la force et le courage des pagayeurs qui se disputeront cette dernière étape de la Triple Couronne de canot marathon, après les courses de New York et du Michigan. Démontrant une motivation et un désir du dépassement de soi remarquable, les compétiteurs méritent nos encouragements.

La tradition se poursuit. Bonne course à tous!

François Legault

Stirring passion and drawing crowds, canoe racing is an authentic Québec sporting tradition. The people of the Mauricie region have good reason to be proud of their annual, 200-kilometre race that will gather great numbers of fans, families and friends on the banks of the Saint-Maurice River for a 92nd edition. The entire region rallies, and the event's dedicated volunteers will make this 2025 canoe classic a success.

The Gouvernement de Québec salutes the hard work of the organizers of this major annual event, which attracts over 200 top athletes and thousands of visitors. The towns of La Tuque, Shawinigan, Trois-Rivières and their surrounding areas will be abuzz with activity this Labour Day weekend.

Let us not forget to highlight the strength and courage of the racers who will be competing in this final leg of the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing, after winning the New York and Michigan races. Demonstrating a remarkable motivation and desire for self-betterment, they deserve our cheers and encouragement.

And the tradition continues. Have a great race!

Votre
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Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie Message from the Government of Quebec



To your canoes for the 92nd edition!

The Government of Quebec is pleased to support the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie, an event that promises to provide a memorable experience for all participants. What an exceptional showcase for the talent of the artisans and craftspeople in our sports and event industries!

Our summer festivals and events enrich our tourism offerings while promoting Quebec as a destination of choice. Visitors are invited to discover the many attractions and activities that energize the Mauricie region at this time of year.

I would like to warmly congratulate the members of the organizing team for the organization of this wonderful event. I encourage tourists and the public to take advantage of this opportunity to have fun and explore the region.

Have fun!

Caroline Proulx
Ministre du Tourisme

Message from our ministers



Dear athletes,

It is an honour for me to live in a region with such a remarkable sporting heritage. Since 1934, Mauricie has come alive each year to the rhythm of the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie. This unifying event brings together sports enthusiasts, volunteers, and partners in a spirit of mutual support and solidarity.

From La Tuque to Shawinigan, athletes demonstrate determination, perseverance, and endurance as they cover the 200 km of this exceptional race. Year after year, canoeists eagerly await this iconic event to reconnect with a course they hold so dear.

Rooted in passion, collaboration, and community spirit, the Classic is a cherished opportunity to come together and celebrate our regional pride. It could not exist without the unwavering commitment of our volunteers and organizing committee. Thanks to them, the Classic shines a spotlight on Mauricie on the international stage, welcoming participants from all over. Congratulations to all!

Thank you for being here, and I wish you the very best of luck for this 92nd edition of the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie.



Hon. François-Philippe Champagne
MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL REVENUE

Message from our ministers



It is with great pride that I warmly congratulate all the participants of the 92nd edition of the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie. Your determination, teamwork, and passion bring the waters of the Saint-Maurice River to life and inspire countless spectators.

I would also like to sincerely thank the organizers, volunteers, partners, and everyone who contributes to the success of this major event, which has endured for nearly a century! Thanks to your remarkable work, the Classique continues to uphold a tradition deeply rooted in our sporting culture and in the beautiful region of Mauricie.

As Minister responsible for Sport, Recreation and the Outdoors, I am delighted to see initiatives like this bring communities together around sport, a love for the outdoors, and regional pride. Long live the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie!



Isabelle Charest

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORT, LEISURE
AND OUTDOORS

Message from our MPs



“Whew and hooray! The Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie has survived the 2024 storm.

First of all, I want to congratulate and thank those who made it possible for this demanding and meaningful competition to take place in 2024. You have my full admiration and gratitude. You know how much I wanted this race to continue.

Beyond its name, the competition itself is part of history, along with the valiant and courageous high-level athletes who take part in it. An immeasurable display of pushing one’s limits during the long days of competition, a battle against the forces of nature that change along the 200 kilometers of descent scattered with portages, months—if not years—of training and perseverance... yes, you have all my admiration!

By bringing the athletes and their recognition back to the forefront, and investing less in shows, you managed to hold a 2024 edition that stayed within budget. This is healthy, very positive, and bodes well for the future.

Congratulations, and best of success for the 92nd edition.

See you soon!



Marie-Louise Tardif

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR
LAVIOLETTE–SAINT–MAURICE

Message from our mayors



The City of La Tuque has been a proud partner of the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie for 92 years.

It is an honor for us that the Classique begins in La Tuque at the Dénommé-Goyette dock, named in tribute to two of our most courageous canoeists.

The Saint-Maurice River is a powerful link that connects our cities across the Mauricie region, and the Classique is a wonderful event that allows us to rediscover its full splendor.

The fact that you have the courage and determination to paddle its length as quickly as possible is truly an extraordinary feat. You have our utmost admiration.

It is thanks to you, dear canoeists, that this great event continues to exist. We wish you the very best of luck. La Tuque is 100% behind you, and many of us will be there to cheer you on at the starting line.

Congratulations to the organizing committee for this 92nd edition. Thank you for your commitment in securing the future of this friendly competition that helps showcase the Mauricie beyond its borders.

Best of luck to all the canoeists!



VILLE DE LA TUQUE



Luc Martel

PRESIDENT OF THE
AGGLOMERATION COUNCIL
AND MAYOR OF LA TUQUE

Message from our mayors



Dear canoeists, volunteers, partners, and enthusiasts,

It is with immense pride that the City of Shawinigan welcomes the 92nd edition of the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie – a true institution of our regional heritage since 1934.

After a year of challenges, we have worked tirelessly to preserve this legendary event and its name, notably by facilitating the transition between organizers. This collective commitment reflects our community's deep attachment to this tradition and our determination to ensure its continuity.

The famous portage along the Promenade du Saint-Maurice, at the end of the Classique's second stage, will return this year—a highlight filled with emotion, set against a backdrop admired by all!

On behalf of the citizens of Shawinigan, I wish you an inspiring Classique, marked by determination, camaraderie, solidarity, and the pursuit of excellence. Let us continue building this chapter of history together, so that every paddle stroke resonates like an anthem to our regional pride.



Michel Angers
MAYOR OF SHAWINIGAN

Message from our mayors



Hello,

The City of Trois-Rivières is pleased to contribute to the 92nd edition of the Mauricie International Canoe Classic. This popular event not only helps showcase our beautiful region, but also highlights the beauty of the Saint-Maurice River.

I would like to commend the dedication and passion of the entire organizing team, who worked tirelessly to make this event possible.

I wish all the canoeists good luck.

May this new edition be even more memorable than ever!



Jean Lamarche
MAYOR OF TROIS-RIVIÈRES

ORGANIZATION'S MESSAGE

Dear athletes,

This 92nd edition of the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie marks a true renewal. More than just a sporting event, this year it becomes a unique showcase for our sport, our traditions, and our expertise—uniting passion, performance, and collaboration.

Since its beginnings in 1934, the C2 has shaped the very soul of the Classique. It was in this canoe that the first pages of our history were written, and around it that much of our reputation was built. At the turn of the 2000s, the addition of the Rabaska brought a fresh wave of energy, paving the way for spectacular and accessible races while expanding our community of athletes and enthusiasts.

Today, we take another step forward by strengthening our ties with the Triple Crown of Canoe Marathon. This strategic collaboration will position the C2 at the forefront of North American marathon canoe racing and offer our athletes the recognition their talent deserves. To us, you are no longer just weekend competitors—you are now at the very heart of the show. Thanks to live broadcasting, your achievements will be followed far beyond our shores, allowing overseas audiences to discover and admire our sport. Together, we are writing a new chapter where tradition and innovation paddle side by side, where every stroke counts, and where the Classique is, more than ever, a symbol of unity, achievement, and collective pride.

To all of you—athletes, volunteers, partners, and spectators—thank you for keeping alive the passion that unites us.

Best of luck, and have a great Classique!



Martin Saint-Laurent

PRESIDENT

OF THE MAURICIE INTERNATIONAL
CANOE CLASSIC



MESSAGE FROM THE RACE DIRECTORS

It is with immense pride and great enthusiasm that we welcome you to this new edition of the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie. This iconic event is much more than just a competition, it is a true celebration of perseverance, passion and tradition.

Year after year, the Classique brings together athletes from all walks of life, dedicated volunteers, and a vibrant community that carries this event forward with heart and determination. Whether you're a competitor, supporter, or spectator, your presence helps bring this incredible human and sporting adventure to life.

The challenges that await you on the water are demanding, but they also offer the opportunity to discover breathtaking landscapes, forge connections, and push beyond your limits. Be proud of every paddle stroke, every effort, and above all, embrace the full experience.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our partners, volunteers, support teams, and spectators who make this event possible. Without you, the Classique would not shine as brightly.

Wishing you all a safe, memorable, and emotionally rich race. Bonne course!



Christian Charette - C2



Dave Petit - R9

THE RACE DIRECTOR OF LA CLASSIQUE
INTERNATIONALE DE CANOTS DE LA MAURICIE

CODE OF ETHICS

The following regulations must be respected by all paddlers for any activity and/or competition throughout the season. A breach of any of these rules will automatically result in a time penalty and may even lead to the disqualification of the paddlers or the offending team.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED for disqualification or expulsion from an event or association.



POLICY



- Note that an act of physical violence results in the automatic disqualification of the offending competitors.
- The competitor must always respect the organizers of the various events and can only approach them through their association representatives.
- The competitor commits to respecting every volunteer, regardless of their status. No abusive language, threats, or acts of verbal or physical violence will be tolerated.
- Each competitor and team support member commits to respecting the competition venues, maintaining cleanliness both on and off the water. Respect for the facilities and equipment provided to the canoeists is essential. Each competitor, team, and support member is fully responsible for their own equipment and waste.
- For the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie event, you must proceed to the area specifically designated for competitors after each stage.
- The competitor participating in the competition represents the image of the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie, its partners, and its sponsors. Therefore, it is mandatory for each crew member to **wear a competition jersey or tank top**.
- Each competitor represents their entire group; for the image of everyone: let's act in a civilized manner and be respectful.

MONEY PRIZES

GENERAL RANKING

BONUS

C2 CATEGORY

POSITIONS	AMOUNT
1st	4000\$
2nd	3000\$
3rd	2000\$
4th	1500\$
5th	1100\$
6th	1000\$
7th	800\$
8th	600\$
9th	550\$
10th	500\$
11th	300\$
12th	250\$
13th	200\$
14th	150\$
15th	100\$

*Note: A rookie team is a team made up of two paddlers who have never participated in the Classique before.

CUMULATIVE "SPRINT" C2 POINTS RANKING

1st	500\$
2nd	400\$
3rd	300\$
4th	225\$
5th	200\$
6th	175\$
7th	150\$
8th	125\$
9th	100\$
10th	75\$

MIXED TEAMS

1st	700\$
2nd	500\$
3rd	300\$

WOMEN'S TEAMS

1st	500\$
2nd	300\$
3rd	100\$

ROOKIE TEAMS*

1st	200\$
2nd	150\$
3rd	100\$

R9 CATEGORY

POSITIONS	AMOUNT
1st	4000\$
2nd	3000\$
3rd	2000\$
4th	1500\$
5th	1250\$

BONUS FOR EACH STAGE – R9

1st	300\$
2nd	250\$
3rd	150\$

COMPETITION SCHEDULE 2025



STAGE 1

Saturday 30 August 2025 - La Tuque - Quai Dénommé-Goyette

9h00 : Start of the R9 category

(pre-race meeting + delivery of the athlete's envelope - 7h30)

10:00 AM : Start of the C2 category

(pre-race meeting - 9h00)

Expected arrival times of the first team in St-Roch-de-Mékinac :

R9 - 3:20 PM / C2 - 4:00 PM

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STAGE 2

Sunday 31 August 2025 - St-Roch-de-Mékinac

10:00 AM : Start of the R9 category (pre-race meeting - 8h30)

11:00 AM : Start of the C2 category (pre-race meeting - 10h00)

Expected arrival times of the first team at Boulevard Saint Maurice |

Shawinigan: R9 - 1:45 PM / C2 - 2:45 PM

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STAGE 3

Monday, September 1st 2025 - Shawinigan-Sud, Avenue du Capitaine-Veilleux

11:00 AM : Start of the R9 category (pre-race meeting - 9h30)

12:00 PM : Start of the C2 category (pre-race meeting - 11h00)

Expected arrival times of the first team at Île Saint-Quentin, Trois-

Rivières : R9 - 1:00 PM / C2 - 2:00 PM

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4:00 PM: Awards ceremony

REGISTRATION

Category	Early bird tariff	Classique Tariff	Night Owl tariff
C2	(before August 3) 225\$/team	(August 4 to August 18) 325\$/team	(after August 19) 400\$/team
R9		(before August 10) 1250\$/team	(after August 11) 1700\$/team

 **The registration fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.**

Online registration will be possible until Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 4:00 PM.

No registrations will be accepted after this date.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- All payments must be made in Canadian currency.
- The 2025 registration form must be completed and fully paid. Otherwise, your registration will be returned and declared invalid.
- If a team withdraws before the registration deadline (August 28, 2025), and one of the team members re-registers with a new partner, a credit of 50% of the registration fee will be applied to the new team's registration. If both team members re-register with new partners, the credit will be applicable to each new team. This credit can only be applied to one person.
- A parent or guardian's signature is mandatory for any participant aged sixteen (16) years or younger. The minimum age to participate in the Saint-Maurice Canoe Challenge is 14 years old at the time of registration.
- Every participant, without exception, must complete the Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire (PAR-Q) and notify in writing of any specific health conditions (medication, allergies, etc.). A list of your medications must accompany the form. This information will be forwarded to the medical team in case of an incident. Failure to submit the PAR-Q and medical form will result in the team not being allowed to start.



INCLUSIONS

**The registration for the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie,
for the 3 days of competition:**

- Snack served upon exiting the water at the end of each stage
- Secured and marked course
- End-of-competition meal (paddlers' dinner)

he paddlers' dinner in Trois-Rivières is scheduled for Monday, September 1, between 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM. All registered participants will have a coupon for this dinner in their competition kit. It is mandatory to have your coupon to receive the meal.

SAFETY



Water safety is ensured by our internal safety team, with 4–5 safety boats on the water.

For each paddler on board, a personal flotation device (PFD) with a whistle must be present at all times. The wearing of a PFD is explained in the competition regulations.

Please note that each participant is responsible for their own safety and equipment. The Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie team is in no way responsible for any damage, loss, or theft that may occur during the event.



During the passage at Rapides des Forges, the water level will be maintained by Hydro-Québec to reduce the risk of collisions.

Avoid paddling too close to the shore.



PARKING

Reserved for athletes/support crew

Each team will receive one (1) parking pass for C2 teams or two (2) parking passes for R9 teams, to be placed on their windshield for access to athlete-only parking areas. Only one (1) vehicle per team will be allowed to access certain locations (e.g., along the Centrale Road in Grand-Mère (Shawinigan) or at the Belgo portage). At the La Gabelle power station portage, teams must park in the lot at the top of the hill. No vehicles will be permitted to drive down.

PARKING INDICATIONS

STAGE 1 - SATURDAY august 30 2025

Start at La Tuque

C2 - Parking on the grass.

R9 - Park along the street - only 2 priority vehicle per team.

Parking on both sides of the street, in the same direction (blue arrow).

Other vehicles must park in neighboring streets.



PARKING INDICATIONS

STAGE 1-2 - SATURDAY, August 30, and SUNDAY, August 31, 2025

Arrival (Stage 1) and Start (Stage 2) in St-Roch-de-Mékinac

Blue rectangle: all vehicles have access - C2 and R9.

Parking is prohibited on the right side of the street - the area is reserved for the organization (**red rectangle**).

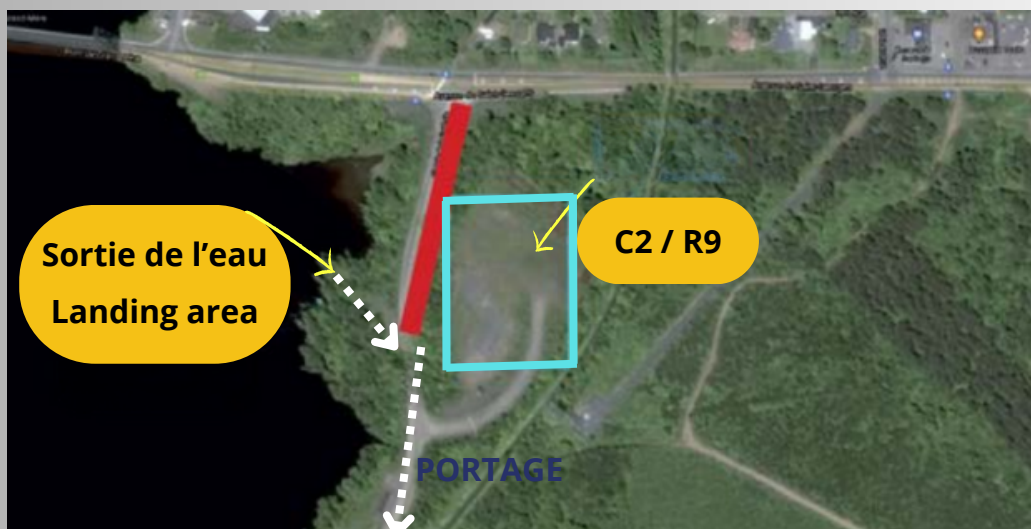


STAGE 2 - SUNDAY, August 31, 2025

Portage at Grand-Mère

Only vehicles with a trailer (R9) will be allowed to park at the bottom (**red rectangle**). No parking is allowed in the other direction (left side of the street in this image). C2 and R9 support crew can park in the lot at the top (**blue rectangle**) or in the surrounding streets.

Only those with a permit can park on the site.



PARKING INDICATIONS

STAGE 2 - SUNDAY August 31 2025

Arrival (Stage 2) at Promenade du St-Maurice, Shawinigan

Parking C2

Parking R9

Sortie et mise à l'eau
Landing area and Boat launch



STAGE 3 - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1st 2025

Launch C2 -
Boulevard du Capitaine
Joe Veilleux, Shawinigan-Sud

Blue marks : access C2



PARKING INDICATIONS

STAGE 3 - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1st 2025

Launch R9 -
Espace Shawinigan

Blue marks: access R9

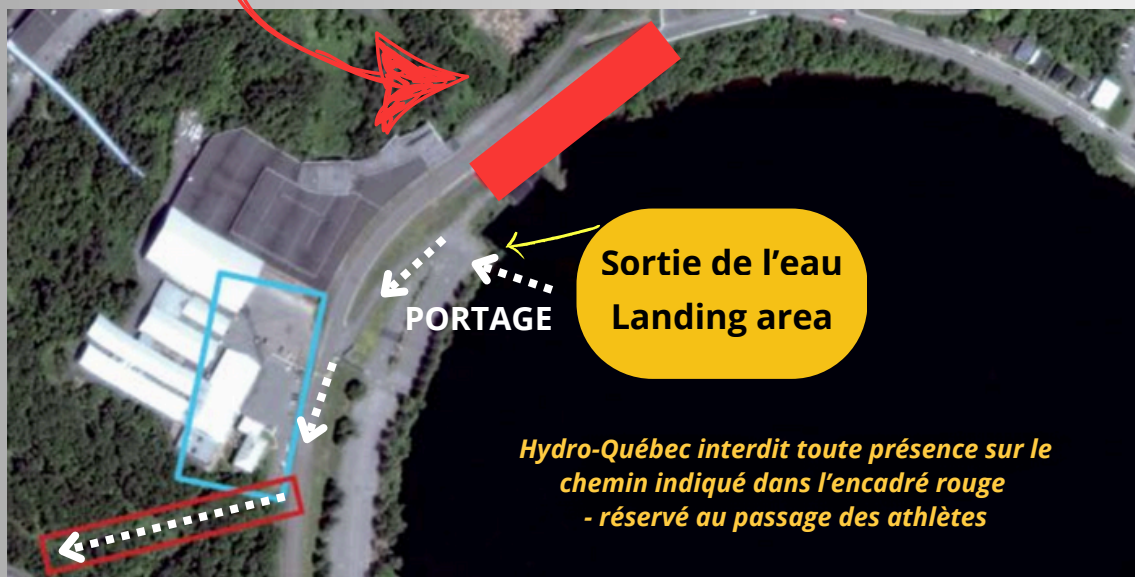


STAGE 3 - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1st 2025

Portage - Shawinigan, Espace Shawinigan

R9: 2 priority vehicles per team must go to the Espace Shawinigan portage to park in the direction to exit onto Cascade Street (red rectangle).

Only priority vehicles are allowed to park in this area.



PARKING INDICATIONS

STAGE 3 - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1st 2025

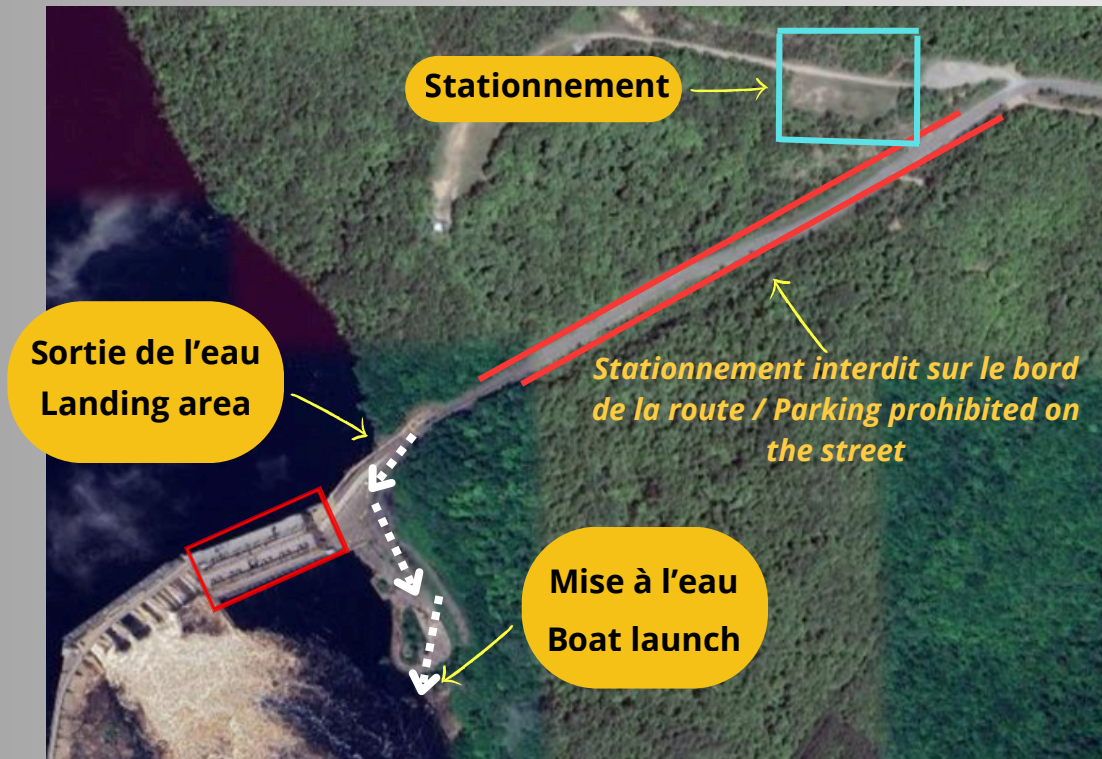
Portage at La Gabelle - Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel

No vehicles will be allowed to drive down the hill.

A shuttle will run every 5 minutes between the parking lot and the portage.

Please arrive via the Mont-Carmel side, as the inter-river access on the dam will be closed.

Hydro-Québec strictly prohibits any presence on the bridge **(red box)**.



Finish - Trois-Rivières, Île Saint-Quentin

Parking on the grassy area.

PARKING FEES APPLY FOR VEHICLES



COMPETITION RULES

CONTACT BETWEEN BOATS

In the event of contact between one or more boats, it is strictly forbidden to touch, push, or hold back a participant or an opposing boat with your hands.

Failure to comply with this rule will result in a 5-minutes penalty.

PENALTIES

Contact or Obstruction Penalty

It is prohibited to :

- Intentionally hinder another team, particularly during a resupply or portage.
- Intentionally make contact with another boat (i.e., demonstrating intentions to hinder).
- Touch the boat, paddle, or a member of another team in a way that hinders that team or member.

To impose a penalty, it must be clearly demonstrated (by officials or the team requesting the sanction) that such an act genuinely hindered the team and was intentional. While accidental contacts are part of the sport, they must not be done intentionally to hinder.

Any team or competitor who does not comply with the provisions of this article will be subject to a penalty, which may include disqualification.

Discretionary Penalty

Any team or competitor who does not comply with a provision of these regulations, for which no specific penalty is provided, will be subject to a two (2) minutes penalty for each infraction. If such a penalty is imposed under this article, it will be the duty of the La classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie Committee to examine the infraction and amend the regulations accordingly to address it.

COMPETITION RULES

INFRACTION AND DISQUALIFICATION

Any competitor or support crew member who commits one of the following infractions will see their team penalized and/or disqualified from the competition:

1. Responsibility for support crew : the competitor is responsible for their support crew. If the support crew uses abusive language, or verbal or physical violence towards other competitors, volunteers, or organizers, the competitor will automatically be penalized and/or disqualified. Choose your support crew carefully.
2. Personal Flotation Device (PFD) requirement : PFDs are mandatory in the boat for each race sanctioned by the La classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie team. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a penalty, which may lead to disqualification in the case of repeated offenses.
3. Respect for competitors : competitors must always respect other competitors. No abusive language, threats, or acts of verbal or physical violence will be tolerated. Physical violence will result in the automatic disqualification of the offending participants and their exclusion from competitions and the association for the season.
4. Respect for organizers : competitors must always respect the event organizers and may only interact with them through their association representatives. Misconduct towards organizers will result in automatic disqualification from the competition without the possibility of a refund.
5. Respect for volunteers : competitors must respect all volunteers, regardless of their status. No abusive language, threats, or acts of verbal or physical violence will be tolerated. Offenders will be penalized and/or disqualified.
6. Respect for competition venues : competitors and their support crew must respect the competition venues, ensuring cleanliness both on and off the water. They must respect the facilities and equipment provided for the canoeists. Each competitor, team, and support crew is fully responsible for their equipment and waste. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a penalty.

COMPETITION RULES

SANCTIONS AND SANCTION PROCEDURES

Two (2) types of infractions may be applied during a race or competition sanctioned and/or approved by La classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie team:

- Infraction related to the application or interpretation of the regulations
- Any violation concerning the application or interpretation of these rules

Procedure for Sanctioning an Infraction

- Only canoeists who participated in the competition and were victims of a rule violation have the right to file a protest
- Any request for a sanction must be submitted within thirty (30) minutes after the arrival of the last team.
- A sanction request can be made verbally to a member of La classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie team.

Sanction committee decision process : Convene the sanction committee

- La Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie team member who received the sanction request is responsible for convening the sanction committee.
- The sanction committee meets as soon as it is convened.

Decision Making

- Any La classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie team member who is part of a team involved in the sanction request is automatically excluded from the sanction committee.
- The team involved in the sanction request and the team that filed the request may participate in the discussions of the sanction committee. These teams must be duly convened by La Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie team member who received the sanction request. However, these teams do not have the right to vote.
- The sanction committee votes on the sanction request: it either accepts or rejects it.
- If the members of the sanction committee reach a deadlock during the vote, La classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie team members may call upon a neutral candidate.

Response of the Sanction Committee

Any decision of the sanction committee will be communicated verbally to the team that filed the request. This decision will be made as soon as possible on the same day the race or competition takes place.

COMPETITION RULES

RESPONSABILITY

La classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie team cannot be held responsible for any material damages that may occur during a race or competition to property belonging to a competitor and/or a team.

Each team is responsible for the GPS transponder assigned to them, which is used to track their progress on an interactive map. In the event of loss, damage, or theft, the team will be charged a replacement fee of \$200.

WITHDRAWAL - DNF

A team or competitor who withdraws from the course before its completion will be disqualified and must notify La classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie team as soon as possible.

In the event of a boat breakage, teams will be allowed to continue with a new boat, provided it meets the standards and has been previously measured and approved by the officials.

C2



C2 CATEGORY



CLASSES

Women – for women's teams

Mixed – for mixed teams

Rookie – for teams in which both (2) paddlers are participating in their first Classique

COMPETITION

Both athletes registered on the same boat must complete the entire course together; no partner substitution is allowed, otherwise, the team will be disqualified. Each crew is responsible for their boat and their safety.

COMPETITION RULES - C2



MANDATORY MEASUREMENT

Ile Melville, Shawinigan: Tuesday, August 26, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Lac St-Louis, La Tuque: Friday, August 29, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

DIMENSIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF A C2 BOAT

Technical Specifications – C2 Boat

- **Maximum Length** : 18 feet 6 inches
- **Minimum Width** : 33 inches at the top, 27 inches at 3 inches from the bottom towards the center of the canoe
- **Minimum Height** : Bow: 15 inches, center: 10 inches, stern: 10 inches
- The 33-inch and 27-inch measurements at 3 inches from the bottom can be separated by a maximum of 14 inches.
- The 33-inch and 27-inch measurements at 3 inches from the bottom can be at most 14 inches forward or backward from the actual center of the canoe (9 feet 3 inches).
- A concave curve of up to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch depth is allowed between the 33-inch and 27-inch measurements at 3 inches from the bottom.
- No concave shapes are allowed below the waterline (hull). However, minor imperfections from repairs or sanding will be tolerated but must be minimal to comply with regulations.
- All measurements are verified from the outside of the hull. A team that does not comply with the specified dimensions and regulations for a C2 canoe will be disqualified.

COMPETITION RULES - C2

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE (PFD)

Mandatory

All boats participating in La Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie must have a personal flotation device (PFD) on board for each participant. The PFDs used by competitors must be easily accessible at all times.

Inflatable, self-inflating PFDs, and those worn around the waist are not approved by Transport Canada for whitewater. Therefore, they cannot be worn when required in rapids. You must wear PFDs approved for whitewater, made from non-submersible material.

WEARING A PFD IS MANDATORY FOR THE ENTIRE 3RD STAGE.

Participants aged **16 and under** who participate in La Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie must wear their PFD at all times.

LAND SUPPORT CREW

Passing through the support zones is mandatory

Canoeists are allowed to resupply only at designated points along the course.

Only team members and identified support crew will be admitted to the sites.

For your safety, resupply must be done within the defined zones, within ± 100 meters of the buoy. Only one buoy will be installed for the resupply zone.

Resupply must be done on land or in the water, provided both feet are touching the bottom. (PFDs are permitted for safety.)

Courtesy is essential for teams arriving first. No person or object that could intentionally or unintentionally hinder the canoe is allowed in the resupply zone (buoy, pole, board, canoe, etc.)

A dip net is allowed to collect any debris that may end up in the water.

Flags and signs are allowed to clearly identify the team but must not hinder the athletes or other support crew.

No waste should be left in the water or at the resupply sites by athletes or support crew. A team that does not comply with this provision will be penalized two (2) minutes for each infraction.

R9



COMPETITION RULES - R9



DIMENSIONS ET SPÉCIFICATIONS D'UNE EMBARCATION R9

Technical specifications – Rabaska

All measurements are taken from the outside of the hull. Gunwales are not considered in the measurement. The unit of measurement is inches.

- Maximum Length: 302 inches
- Minimum Length: 298 inches
- Minimum Width at Center, Top (at the gunwales): 48 inches
- Minimum Width at Center, 6 Inches from the Bottom: 38 inches
- Minimum Height : Bow: 24 inches, Center: 18 inches, Stern: 22 inches

A team that does not comply with these specified dimensions and regulations for an R9 canoe will be disqualified.

COMPETITION RULES - R9

FEEDING AND MEMBER SUBSTITUTIONS

Passing through the support zones is mandatory.

Rabaska teams are allowed to perform feeding and member substitutions

No feeding or member substitution can be carried out outside the zones designated by the organization.

Feeding is allowed during portages.

A Rabaska team may have a maximum of 5 different support crew members for a single stage.
Feeding on the water from another boat is prohibited.

Only team members and support crew are allowed to touch the Rabaska during feeding

Support crew members are not allowed to help transport or move the Rabaska during portages, launches, or exits from the water. However, they are permitted to touch or push the Rabaska during feeding that takes place in the water.

At no time during resupply should team members or support crew hinder another team.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE (PFD)

Mandatory

PFDs used by competitors must be accessible at all times and in good condition.

They must be worn and properly fastened when required.

Inflatable, self-inflating PFDs, and those worn around the waist are not approved by Transport Canada for whitewater. Therefore, they cannot be worn when required in rapids.

You must wear PFDs approved for whitewater, made from non-submersible material.

- Stage 2: Before the electric pylons located upstream of the Hêtres rapid and until downstream of this rapid.

- Stage 3: Before the iron bridge which is located before the Gabelle dam and until the end of the rapid des Forges. Boaters boarding from the La Gabelle dam must wear their P.F.I. before boarding.

COMPETITION RULES - R9

PORTAGES



After a portage, each team is responsible for managing its transport cart ("buggy").

Portage at Grand-Mère (Stage 2)

- Only one (1) team member is allowed to go down to the disembarkation site with the transport cart ("buggy").
- The other team members must wait at the top of the hill, on the other side of the guardrail, or at any other point along the portage route.
- During this portage, passing is allowed only until the beginning of the final descent.
- If a team is being followed, it must move to one side of the path to allow the other team to pass.

Portage at Belgo (Shawinigan, Stage 3)

- If the downstream dock (on the left, towards Trois-Rivières) is free, any team must prioritize it to leave the way clear for another Rabaska behind.
- It is forbidden for one team to pass another from the railway (before the descent) until after the fence at the bottom of the hill.
- Be careful, the descent is very steep and slippery.
- A minimum distance of one (1) Rabaska must be kept between your Rabaska and that of the team ahead.

Portage at La Gabelle (Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel, Stage 3)

- Only one (1) team member is allowed to go down to the disembarkation site with the transport cart ("buggy").
- The other team members must wait at the top of the hill, on the other side of the fence, or at any other point along the portage route.
- On the descent, passing is allowed but must be done safely. The team in front upon arriving at the barrier before the launch site has priority for launching.
- No passing is allowed after this barrier.

GENERALS RULES - C2/ R9



COURSE ROUTE, CURVES AND BUOY TURNS

Teams must respect the course established by the competition organizers.

They must complete the entire distance of the competition using their equipment and cannot leave the watercourse except at designated portage sites.

When the course includes buoys, boats must round the buoys on the course.

A team that does not fully round a buoy must backtrack and properly round the buoy.

A team that fails to round a buoy will receive a 5-minutes time penalty. The team can avoid this penalty by immediately turning around (or backing up) to fully round the buoy.

Any team that does not follow the course (buoy or route) will be relegated to the last place in the competition with a minimum time penalty of 10 minutes or could be disqualified if it is a severe infraction (at the discretion of the officials or the sanction committee).

Disqualification removes the team's right to receive any prize money for the race, and there will be no refund of the registration fee.

PORTAGES

Portages are allowed only at locations designated by the competition organizers.

All team members must complete the portage on foot, starting from the point where their team's canoe exits the water

No assistance is permitted.

Any team that does not comply with this provision will be disqualified.



GENERALS RULES - C2/ R9

ASSISTANCE TO COMPETITORS

At Any Time

If a competitor drops a paddle or any other object, anyone may retrieve and return it to them immediately.

On the Water

Only team members may move the canoe on the water using human physical strength.

A team may not receive any assistance, except in the case of capsizing.

In the event of capsizing, a team assisted by another boat must resume the course from the point where they capsized.

STARTING LINE PROCEDURE

Step 1 and 2: The start procedure will be explained at the pre-race meeting.

Step 3: All teams must be lined up on the starting cable. The rear boater must be in contact with the cable at all times (hold with your hand).

A competitor who attempts to gain an unfair advantage at the start will be penalized by two minutes. After being caught for the first offense, a second offense will result in disqualification.

Officials may interrupt the starting procedure if the alignment compromises a fair start for all. Any team that is not on the starting line at the signal cannot participate in the stage and will be disqualified.

FINISH LINE

No object or obstacle may be placed between the two (2) physical points of the finish line.

A boat is considered to have crossed the finish line when its bow touches the

SPRINT-C2 POINTS STANDINGS

RULES

1. Points Allocation

- Sprint standings points are awarded according to the order of passage at each checkpoint, from the first to the fifteenth canoe to cross the control point.

2. Final Standings

- The final standings, used to award prizes for the points classification, are determined based on the total cumulative points obtained at all checkpoints.

3. Winner Determination

- The canoe with the highest total points wins the sprint classification.
- Positions 2 to 10 are then determined using the same principle, to complete the prize table.

4. Ties

- In the event of a tie in points between two canoes, the final time to complete the Classique will be used to break the tie: the fastest time wins.

5. Eligibility Conditions

- To be eligible for a sprint classification prize, the team must have completed all three stages of the Classique.
- Any abandonment results in disqualification from the points classification.

SEGMENTS OF INTEREST

- Stage 1
 - C1: Buoy #3 (at return)
 - C2 : Rivière-aux-Rats
 - C3 : St-Roch (Finish)
- Stage 2
 - C4 : Camping St-Roch
 - C5 : Shawinigan (Finish)
- Stage 3
 - C7 : Buoy #6 (1 lap)
 - C8 : Buoy #6 (2nd lap)
 - C9 : Île St-Quentin (Finish)

CUMULATIVE SPRINT-C2 POINTS STANDINGS

1st	15 pts
2nd	14 pts
3rd	13 pts
4th	12 pts
5th	11 pts
6th	10 pts
7th	9 pts
8th	8 pts
9th	7 pts
10th	6 pts
11th	5 pts
12th	4 pts
13th	3 pts
14th	2 pts
15th	1 pt



EXTREME WEATHER "CLAUSE CHARETTE"



Extreme Weather - Storms - Safety Instructions

In the event of weather conditions that endanger the safety of the athletes, the safety team will communicate instructions to the athletes in the race to reach a safe location as quickly as possible.

Intermediate Times / Ranking

If the activation of this safety measure results in the end of the race for the day, a ranking will be established based on the intermediate times recorded for each team at the designated check points.

Check Points for Stage 1:

- Cowboy
- Rivière-aux-rats
- Grand-Anse
- Mattawin

Check Points for Stage 2:

- Quai fédéral Grande-Piles
- Portage Grand-Mère

Check Points for Stage 3:

- Espace Shawinigan
- Portage la Gabelle

Ranking

Timekeepers will be present at each checkpoint to record team times. If the race is stopped for safety reasons, the intermediate times recorded at checkpoints will be used to establish the final classification of the stage. For a checkpoint to be considered valid for the purpose of establishing a stage classification, a minimum of 12 teams must have passed it before the race is stopped. If a checkpoint has been crossed, but by fewer than 12 teams, the previous checkpoint will serve as a reference for the classification of the stage. Teams that were unable to safely pass a checkpoint before the race was stopped will be assigned the same time as the last team whose time was recorded.

RACE ROUTE C2 / R9

LÉGENDE



Start / Finish



Feeding Zone



Portage



Rapids

Départ / Start
Etape 1
La Tuque



1 Cowboy
km 101



2 Rivière aux Rats
km 85

3 Grande Anse
km 65

4 Matawin
km 47



Finish Stage 1
Start Stage 2
Saint-Roch-de-
Mékinac

1 Grandes-Piles

2 Portage Grand-Mère



Finish
Stage 2
Promenade
Shawinigan



Start Stage 3
Boul. du Capitaine
Veilleux



1 Portage Espace
Shawinigan



2 Portage Gabelle



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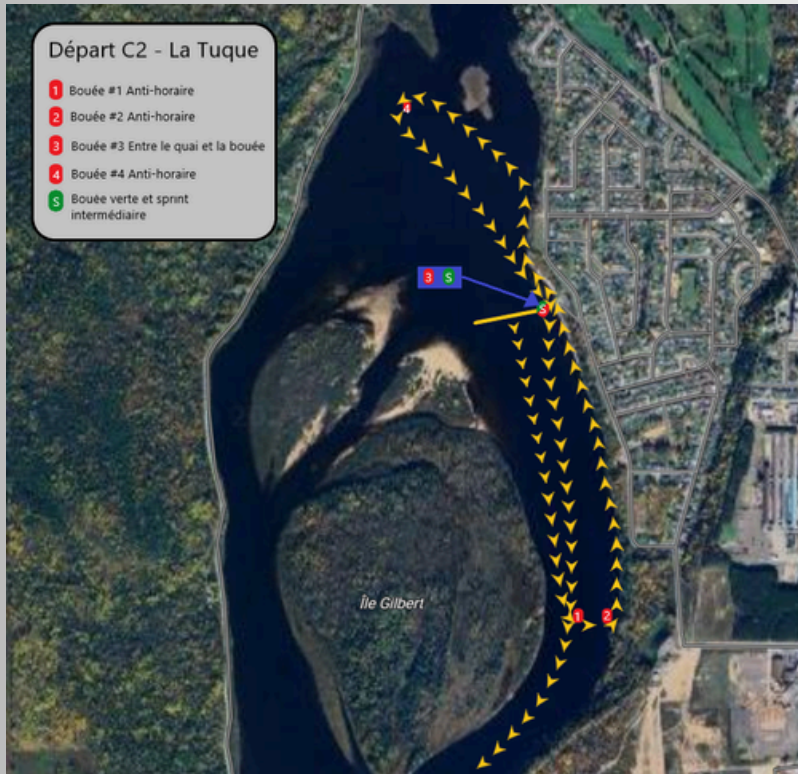
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Trois-rivières

RACE ROUTE STAGE 1

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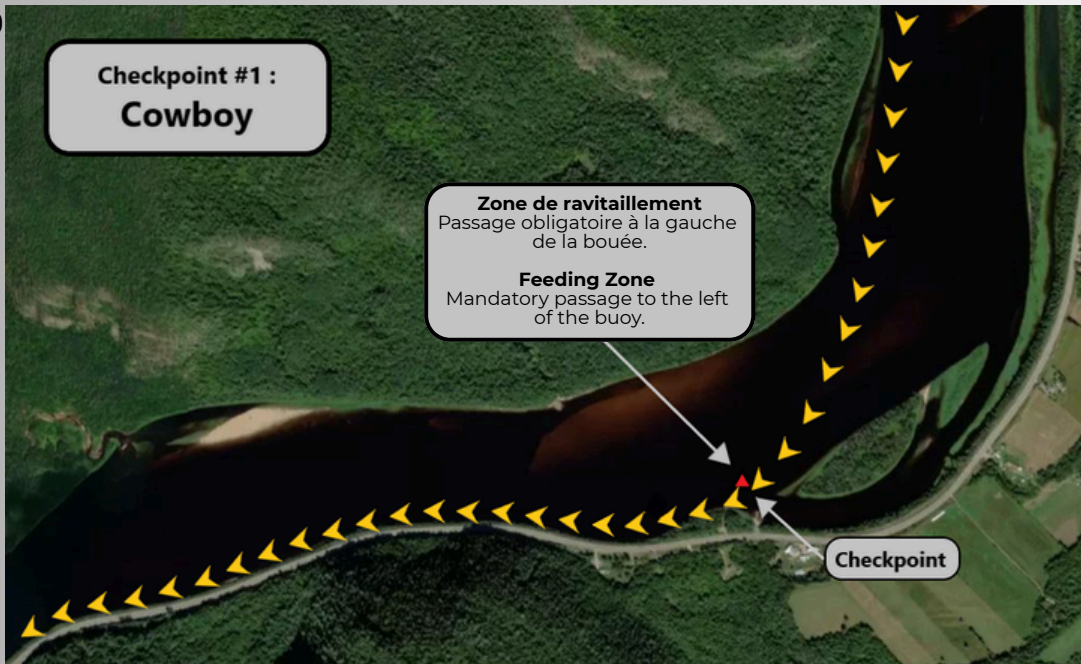


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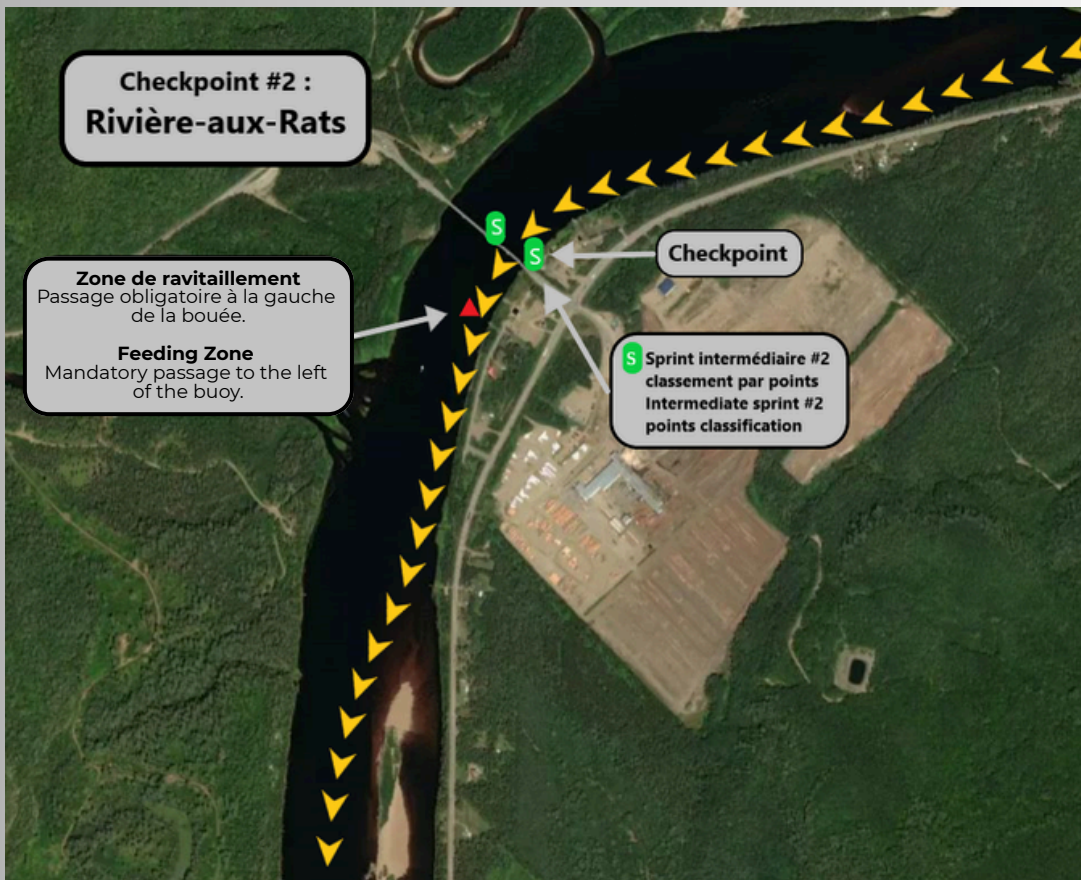
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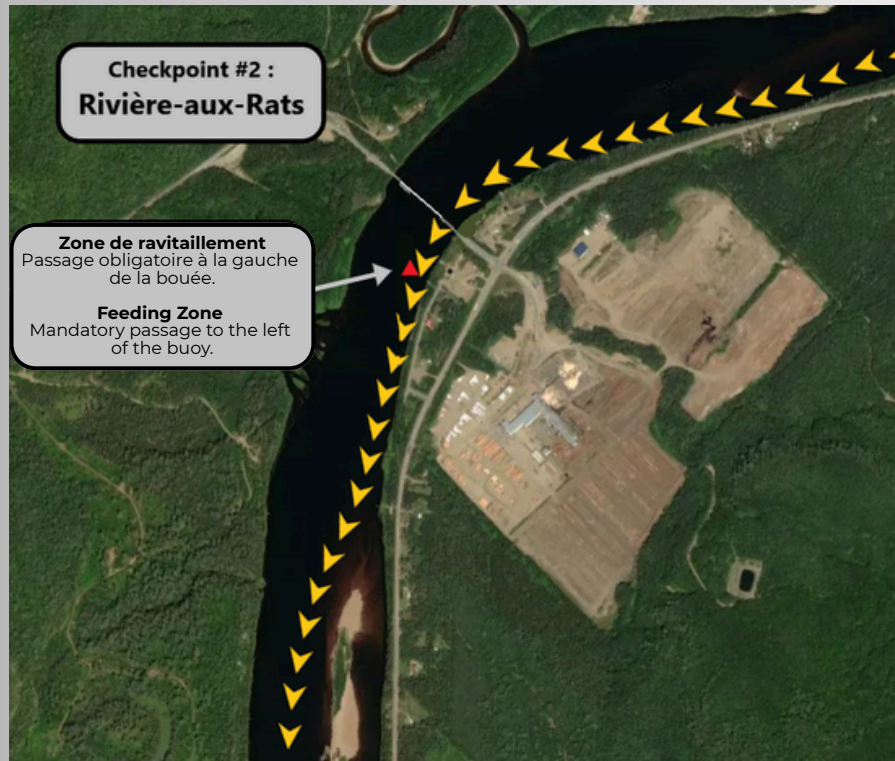


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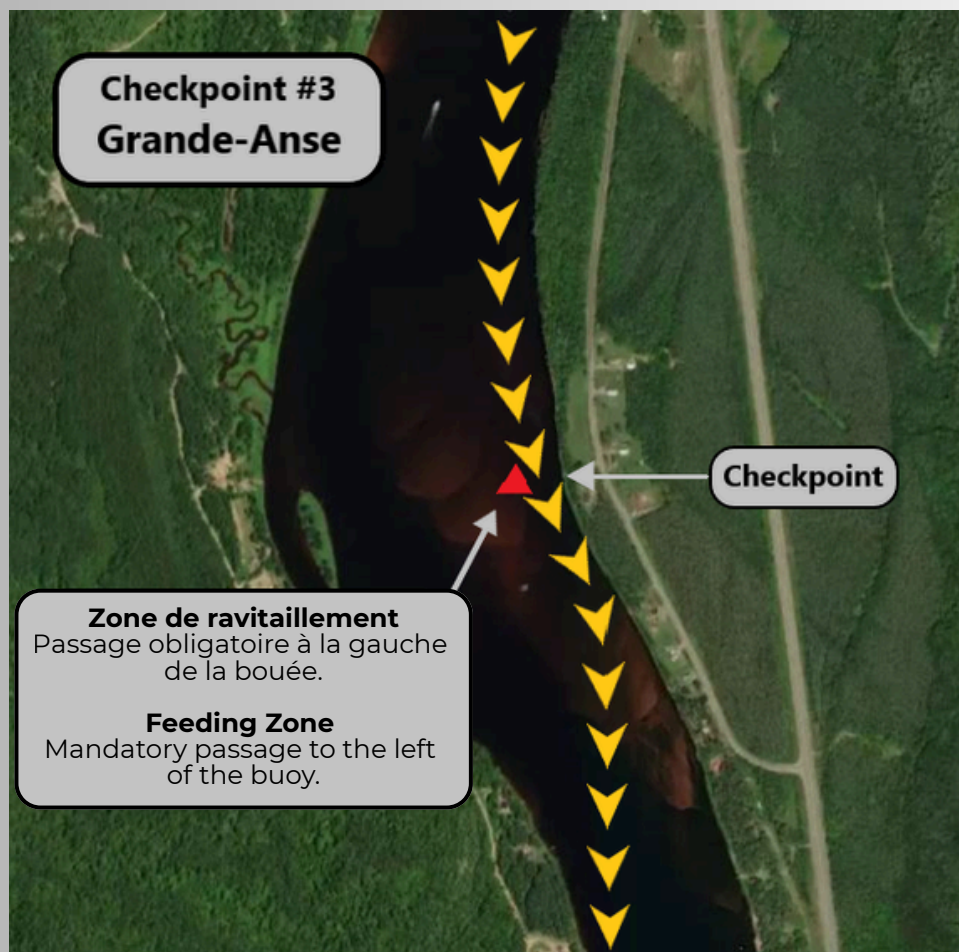
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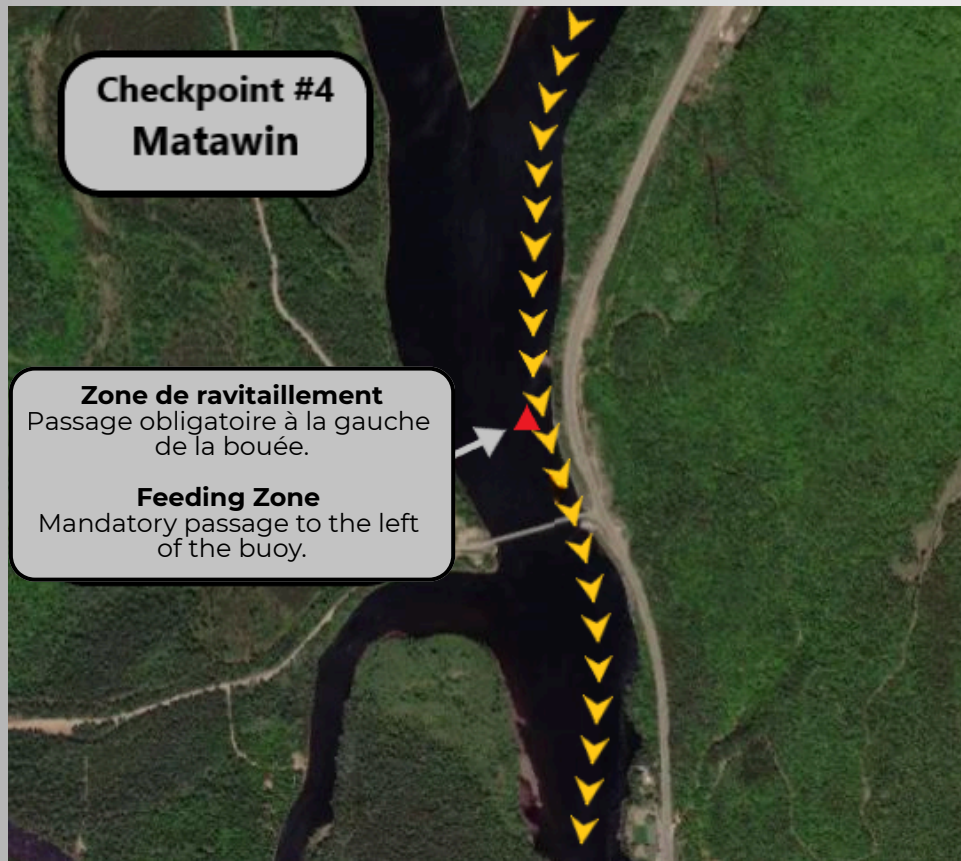


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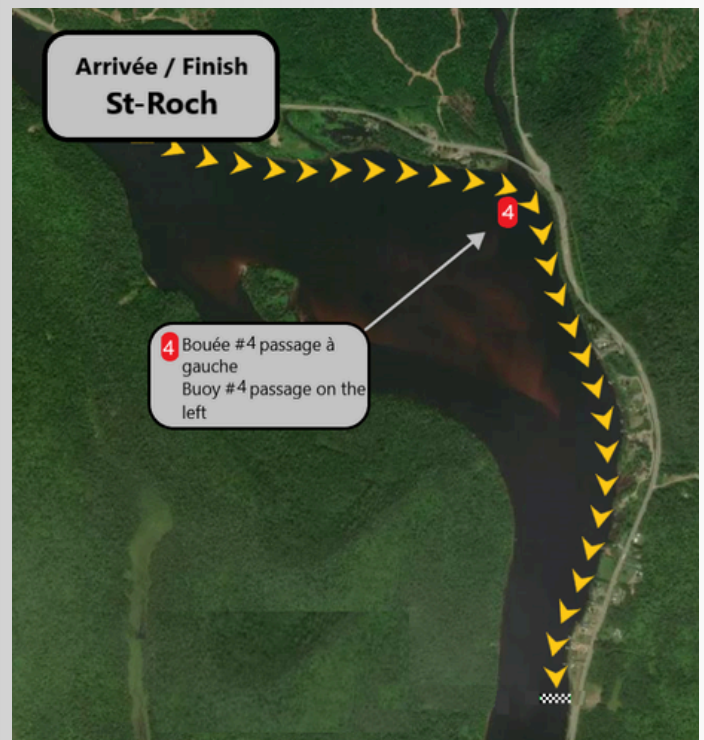
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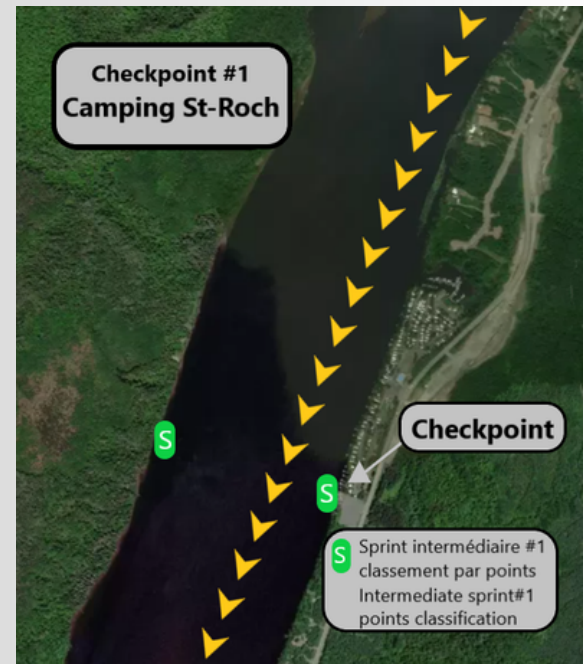
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St-Roch-de-Mékinac - Ligne de départ / Starting line



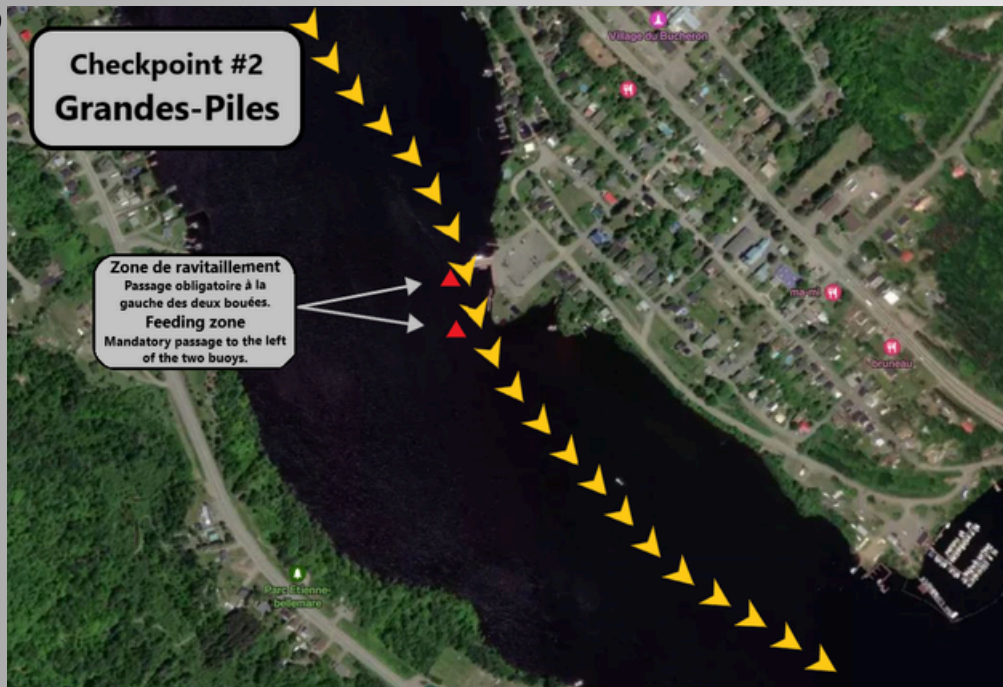
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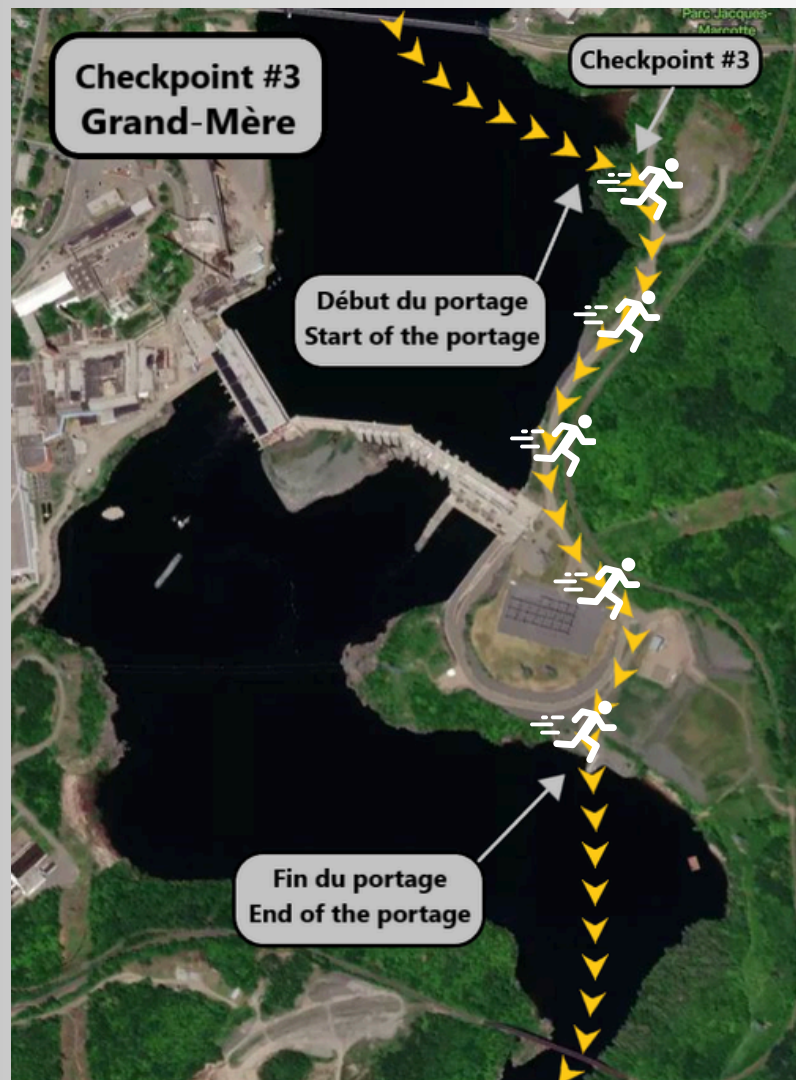
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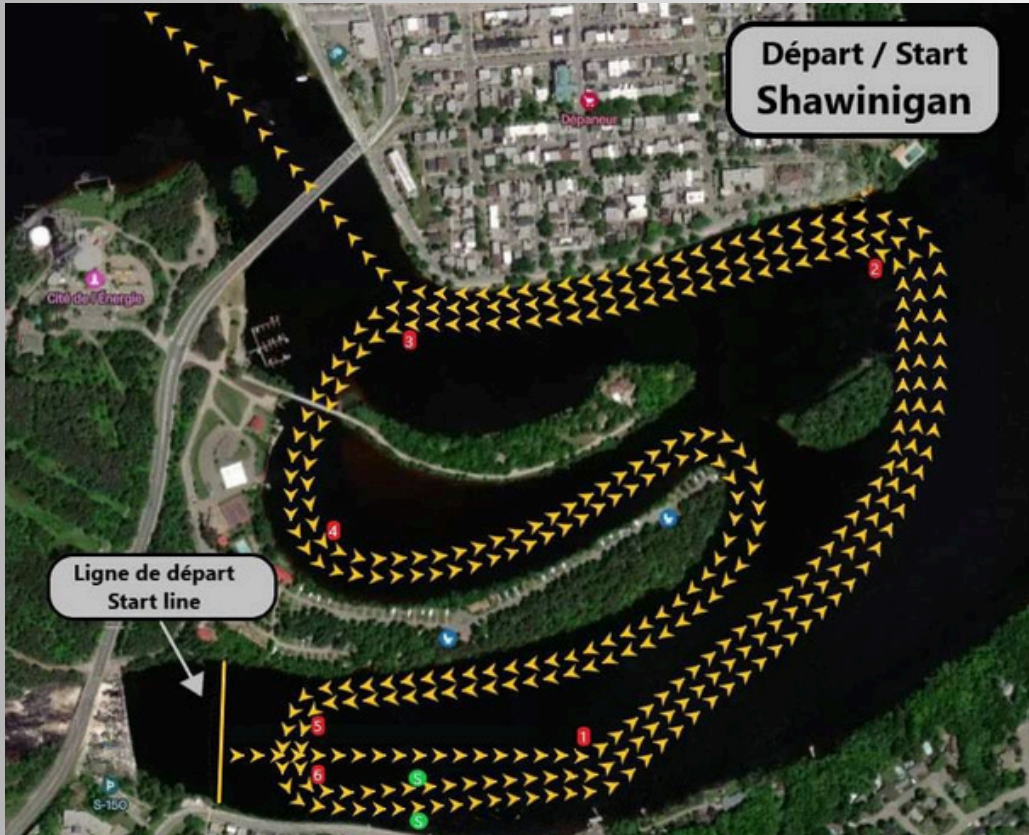
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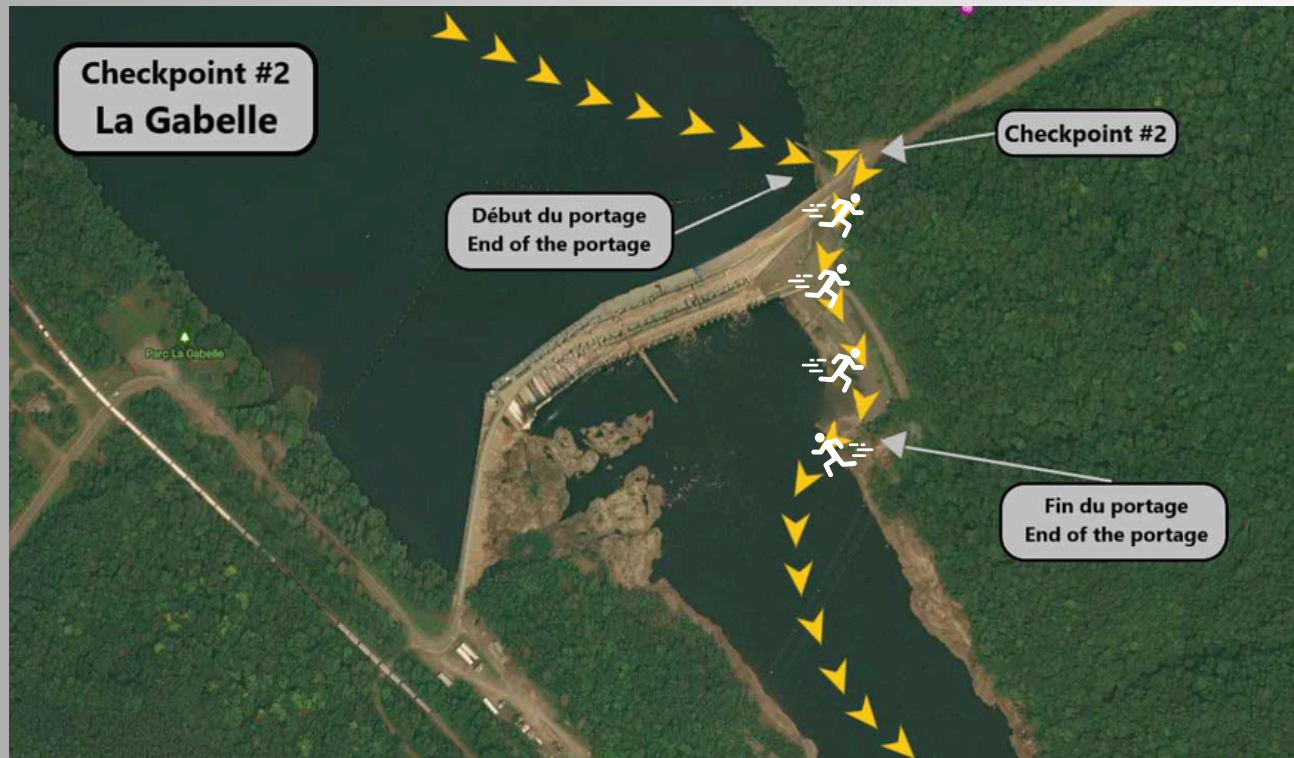
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