

# Sloe-Moe's Kayak captures Yukon 800

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Sloe-Moe's Kayak, captained by veteran outboard racer Bill Page sped down the calm Tanana and Yukon Rivers to Fairbanks to Galena and back Sunday in under 15 hours, to win the 15th annual Yukon 800 Yukon 800 boat classic.

With engineer Moe Samuelson and navigator Eric Adamson as his crew, Page was clocked at 14 hours, 53 minutes, 33.18 seconds as he pulled into Pike's Landing at Fairbanks before noon Sunday. Samuelson, another veteran of the Yukon 800, is the owner of the winning boat, sponsored this year by Nash Plumbing and Heating.

Only six of the 12 outboard river boats which started completed the race, as crews were plagued with burned out engines, water pumps and, in one case, a smash-up on the banks of the Tanana at Manley.

Citation, captained by owner Jerry Evans, Fairbanks, with engineer Don Moses and navigator Johnny Bergamaschi, placed second, pulling into Fairbanks behind Page's crew. Citation, sponsored by Lindy's Soft Water, was clocked at 15 hours, 49 minutes and 7.53 seconds.

Arlin Dick's craft, No Problem, finished third, in 16 hours, 2 minutes and 59.1 seconds. Dick, of Tanana, was aided by engineer Lee Thomas and navigator Jackie Roberts. His sponsors were Gregory's Flying Service, Tanana Lions Club and Nuchalawoya.

In fourth place was the N.C. Machinery, captained by Mickey Allen, Fairbanks, with Bob Roskelley, engineer and P.J. Williams, navigator. Their total elapsed time was 16 hours, 29 minutes and 17.45 seconds.

Acquarius, sponsored by Gus-

tafson's Enterprises and captained by Mike Munsey, Fairbanks, pulled into Fairbanks in 18 hours, 22 minutes and 54.3 seconds. Munsey's crew was Curt Amoundson, engineer, and Doug McCarter, navigator.

Sixth place went to the Kimberly Kay, captained by Milton Moses Jr., Tanana, and sponsored by Carlo Construction, Bob Toombs and Doyon, Limited. With navigator Tommy Justin, the Kimberly Kay made the run in 25 hours, 14 minutes and 37 seconds flat.

Bad Luck

It was a bad day on the river for six other hopeful crews, who ran into trouble after pulling off from Pike's Landing Saturday afternoon.

North Pole Refining's boat with captain Sam Demientieff, Fairbanks, engineer Nick Baldwin and navigator Eddie Mayo, scratched before Nenana on the downward leg, due to a burned-out water pump.

Captain Andy Jimmie, Minto, ran the Kotzebue Flash into the riverbank at Manley on the Tanana when the boat's steering mechanism failed. Although the Flash's steering defect was mended, the boat was damaged enough to cause the crew to scratch. Jimmie's crew included engineer Phillip Titus and navigator Chuck Jimmie.

Jerry Woods decided to scratch the Ruby Yacht at Ruby when the boat's fuel tank ruptured. The Ruby Yacht, sponsored by Neal Scannell, had aboard engineer Phyllis Lundfeldt and navigator Frank Amouak.

McDonald's Special, captained by Jim Movius, Fairbanks, scratched 30 miles out of Galena on the homeward leg, because of engine problems. Movius had Toni Movius and Meg



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## Sloe-Moe's Kayak crosses finish line

Movius as his crew.

AIA IV, captained by Ed Gustafson, set a new down leg record before scratching two miles out of Galena on the homeward trip with a frozen engine. Gustafson and crew Sue Binkley and Shawn Binkley, made the run to Galena in 6 hours, 53 minutes and 41.9 seconds, two minutes less than the previous record.

Miss Mar-Vonne, captained by Del Hayward, with crew Bill Ares and Pam Herman, scratched on a sand bar 30 miles south of Nenana, with a frozen engine. Miss Mar-Vonne was sponsored by Johnny's Express and Mar-Vonne's Enterprises.

Although merely half of the boats entered were able to complete the race, veteran race observers were encouraged by the growing community support for the marathon.

Johnny Anderson of Fairbanks, an experienced Yukon

800 skipper, told the Tundra Times, "People all up and down the river, from Fairbanks to Tanana and Galena and all the villages along the way, went all-out to support the race. Those people made it one of the best races ever."