



# Captain Communication

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Plum Creek





## From our Race Director

As I write this, snow and ice continue to dominate the mountains in northern Maine. It's been a long winter, but there are signs of Spring and in under two months we'll be racing.

This Communication has our official race roster (there may be one or two final additions, but you can consider the assigned race numbers "fixed"), further information on pre-race formalities, valuable details for race spectators, and provides a few tidbits about the race course.

We're also pleased to officially announce Plum Creek as the Presenting Sponsor of the 2014 Untamed New England. Plum Creek manages over 800,000 acres of wilderness throughout Maine; most of that land falls under a permanent conservation easement that will forever keep it as a working forest rich in wildlife and unique plant habitat and with free and open access for the public to enjoy.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Communication, including the much-anticipated course outline (useful for your packing and planning purposes), is scheduled to go out in June – roughly one week before the race. Look for it around June 10<sup>th</sup>.

May your maps always be dry!



Grant Killian – Director, Untamed Adventure Racing



## CAPTAIN COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

Captain Communication #1 went out in January 2014.

Captain Communication #2 goes out in April 2014.

Captain Communication #3 goes out in early June 2014.



## BREATHE MAGAZINE

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Journalists from Breathe Magazine will be reaching out to each team over the next couple weeks to build the competitor bios for media coverage background and the live race site.

Please give them your cooperation in their effort to cover the great sport of expedition adventure racing!



Breathe Magazine is also leading a race media team competing on the course this June (Team #21 BreatheMag.com). Look for their coverage from **within** the race on the live coverage Untamed New England website and the Breathe Magazine Live Coverage site.

For more information about Breathe, or to subscribe to the print Magazine, visit [www.BreatheMag.ca](http://www.BreatheMag.ca).



## Official Race Roster

Team #	Team Name	From	Captain
1	Team France	Font Romeu, France	Jacky Boisset
2	TBD	Ottawa, Canada	Benoit Letourneau
3	Dart nuun	Seattle, WA	Ryan VanGorder
4	Raid Intl Gaspesie - x:act ...	Ontario, Canada	Nathalie Long
5	Untamed Canada - Clinique ...	Quebec, Canada	Alexandre Provost
6	Raidpulse.com	Quebec, Canada	Yannick Huneault
7	Team Untamed New England	Kingston, NH	Dave Lamb
8	Team NYARA - Krell Adventures	Philadelphia, PA	Jonathan Neely
20	Attack from Above	Ontario, Canada	Chris Laughren
21	BreatheMag.com	Ontario, Canada	Peter Dobos
22	Checkpoint Zero - Tech4o	Marietta, GA	Peter Jolles
23	Executive Athletes	Millbury, MA	Ken Lubin
24	Finalin	Quito, Ecuador	Paul Riera
25	Guambras: Powerade-Explorer	Quito, Ecuador	María Vallejo
26	Journey- Altra Zero Drop Racing	Colorado Springs, CO	Chelsea Luttrall
27	Kielbassa	British Columbia, Canada	Tyler Cheek
28	London Untamed	Ontario, Canada	Meredythe Spence
29	Mundial St-Raymond - Raid ...	Quebec, Canada	Danny Chamberland
30	Odyssey Adventure Racing	Vienna, VA	Andy Bacon
31	Pangea Adventure Racing	Oviedo, FL	Greg Owens
32	Peak Performance	Are, Sweden	Mikael Lindnord
33	Team Columbia Vidaraid	Bilbao, Spain	Urtzi Iglesias
34	Team Hope	Providence, RI	Bruce Foster
35	Team NYARA	Jersey City, NJ	Olof Hedberg
36	Team Raidlight	Paris, France	Sebastien Raichon
37	Team Sweco Adventure	Karlstad, Sweden	Malin Hjalmarsson
38	Teenek Racing Mexico	Hidalgo, Mexico	Jorge Mendiola
39	Timber Wolves	Bedford, NH	Melissa Kubicki
40	Untamed Adventure - No ...	Charlottesville, VA	Jason Reed
41	Walhalla	Asuncion, Paraguay	Gustavo Borgognon
42	GOALS ARA	Philadelphia, PA	Jason Brown
60	Keeping Up With Carly	Monson, MA	Tracey Robertson
61	Blame it on the Goose	Watertown, MA	Rick Keilty
62	The Third Crusade	Manhattan Beach, CA	Michael Markelz
63	cops4Acause.com	Newfields, NH	Stephen DuBois
64	Grit N Gears	Holliston, MA	Joe Macey
65	Pain Syndicate	New York, NY	Larry Curran
66	Towanda RWG	Memphis, TN	Brian Eason
67	Perfect Strangers	Manitoba, Canada	Kelly Keith
68	LittleTree Naturescape	Madbury, NH	Racer 1
69	Carpe Denise	West Chester, PA	Stepehn Eland
70	Rev3 - MK	Bloomington, IL	Britt Mason
71	Team Mason-Dickson	South Grafton, MA	Cullen Franz

## SHIPPING GEAR TO NORTHERN OUTDOORS

Some racers prefer to ship equipment to the race host location – it can reduce travel headaches. For those looking to ship gear like mountain bikes or other equipment in advance of the race, the receiving address for Northern Outdoors is:

Untamed New England Racer  
 For [Racer Name] & Team # [#]  
 Northern Outdoors  
 1771 US Route 201  
 The Forks, ME 04985

Please do not schedule any deliveries prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.



## OFFICIAL RACE NUMBERS

Only teams composed partly or fully of athletes who have finished on the Untamed New England expedition race podium earn a single digit race number; there are 8 such teams in our 2014 race.

The lower the single-digit number, the more accomplished the team.

Team numbers between 20 and 50 are for Premiere Division (4-coed) teams in alphabetical order.

Team numbers 60 or higher are for the Open Division.

Please label your gear boxes with your team number (and, optionally, team name) prior to the gear check-in.



# Race Spectators

While our race provides some of the best live online coverage and tracking (thanks to our technical partner PinnacleTracking.com), we know many of you will have friends and family hoping to join the fun on the ground in Maine. We make available a Spectator Guide that provides an introduction to the race, course overview and timetables, driving directions to approved spectator locations (our last Expedition had 10 such locations), and detailed commentary from race management on each phase of the race.

The guide is *only* made available to spectators once the racing has started, but you must pre-order as these 25+ pages of colour maps are expensive to produce (we don't print extra). If you have others coming to the race to follow the action, this is **indispensable**.

➤ Order the official 2014 Race Spectator Guide for \$50 via <https://www.raceit.com/shop/?event=21036>



## Additional Spectator Notes

This is a race course covering a *vast* distance. If spectators are basing their stay around Northern Outdoors lodge in Maine, they may want to re-evaluate. Race formalities are in The Forks (like team briefings and post-race awards ceremony), but once the race starts the action is going to be *hours* away from there. To save spectators from some excessive driving time, but protect the secrecy of the race course, we aren't saying *where* spectators may want to stay while the race is underway (Weds through Sat nights) but the pre-race Expo on June 17<sup>th</sup> **will include** a representative who can connect you with several lodging options closer to the race course.

Course secrecy demands we not reveal more. This is just advance notice of the unusual circumstances of this expedition adventure race.

**Just as a reminder:** spectators must not render assistance of any kind to teams, unless the team is withdrawing from the race. Self-sufficiency forms the core of the Untamed New England, and teams must race the course without aid from outside. This means spectators must not provide water, food, equipment, or directions of any kind to the racers. Teams receiving outside assistance will be penalized or disqualified.



## RACE SCHEDULE

(Subject to change – tentative)

- The Untamed Expo and Adventure Symposium runs 10 AM – 6 PM Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at Northern Outdoors Lodge in The Forks, Maine
- Official race check-in takes place on Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 PM at the Northern Outdoors main lodge.
- At 7 PM that evening, June 17<sup>th</sup>, we have the official race welcome, course overview presentation, and your race maps and booklets will be distributed.
- On Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 AM, we have the race Captain's Meeting for any final questions teams have prior to the race start.
- At 8:30 AM on Wednesday, all team gear bins and equipment must be turned in to race staff and at 9 AM we board buses for transport to the official Untamed New England 2014 race start.
- Around mid-day on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, we expect the winning teams to cross the race finish line.
- At 10 AM on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the race course officially closes and we expect all teams to be off the course by that time.
- The awards ceremony and post-race party is set for 12 noon on Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Northern Outdoors main lodge.

# Pre-Race Expo & Symposium

Tuesday June 17th is the 2014 Untamed New England Expo at Northern Outdoors in The Forks, Maine. This is the same location as the team check-in for the race, and the Expo coincides with team check-in, so there's lots of excitement at Northern Outdoors that day.

Many of our race sponsors will be joining the Expo, including:

- AlpackaRaft
- Light & Motion
- MadAthlete.com
- Spiz
- Good To-Go
- AMC

Look for demos from the above sponsors at the Expo.

We'll also have the canoes you'll be paddling and the rope equipment you'll be working with during the race, so plenty of hands-on opportunities.

From 1-3 PM on June 17<sup>th</sup> is our AR Symposium as part of the Expo. We have an elite athlete panel set to discuss topics related to expedition racing, and to respond to questions from the audience. It's free and open to the public, and **your chance to hear from a member of the reigning AR World Champion team** and other elite international athletes. Breathe Magazine will be internet streaming this Symposium live.



## Gear Bin Reminders

Remember to review the race gear list carefully – on our website at <http://www.UntamedNE.com/ExpeditionGear.aspx>

We have gear checks during the race to confirm you're prepared with the minimum safety standard we've set on that gear list.

This is a starting point for what you need to bring to the race, and doesn't address specific clothing, food, or other needs you will surely require. I'd also race with \$20 cash and some change, as you never know when you'll pass an open store or even just a vending machine.

Please also note our information about gear staging for race teams at <http://www.UntamedNE.com/GearBins.aspx>. Each racer is allowed 1 x 35lb bin, each team is allowed 2 x 40lb bins (one "paddle" bin and one "remote TA" bin).



## COURSE COMMENTARY

Our final Captain Communication in June will have more of a preview of the race course, including the much-anticipated Course Overview showing the legs of the race and general race flow.

Until June, we will share the following facts with you:

- There's total elevation gain on this race course equivalent to climbing from sea-level to the summit of the towering Mt. Katahdin (summit of 5,200) **four to five times** over. 20,000+ feet of cumulative climb.
- Seven major mountain summits factor into the race course.
- The race is organized into 5 distinct sections (we call them "Legs"). There are 4 Transition Areas, one between each leg.
- Teams of 4 racers will paddle two canoes for paddling sections of the race; teams of 2 and 3 people will paddle one canoe.
- Rappelling is the only rope activity teams will complete on the race course. No ascending or other rope elements in the 2014 race course.



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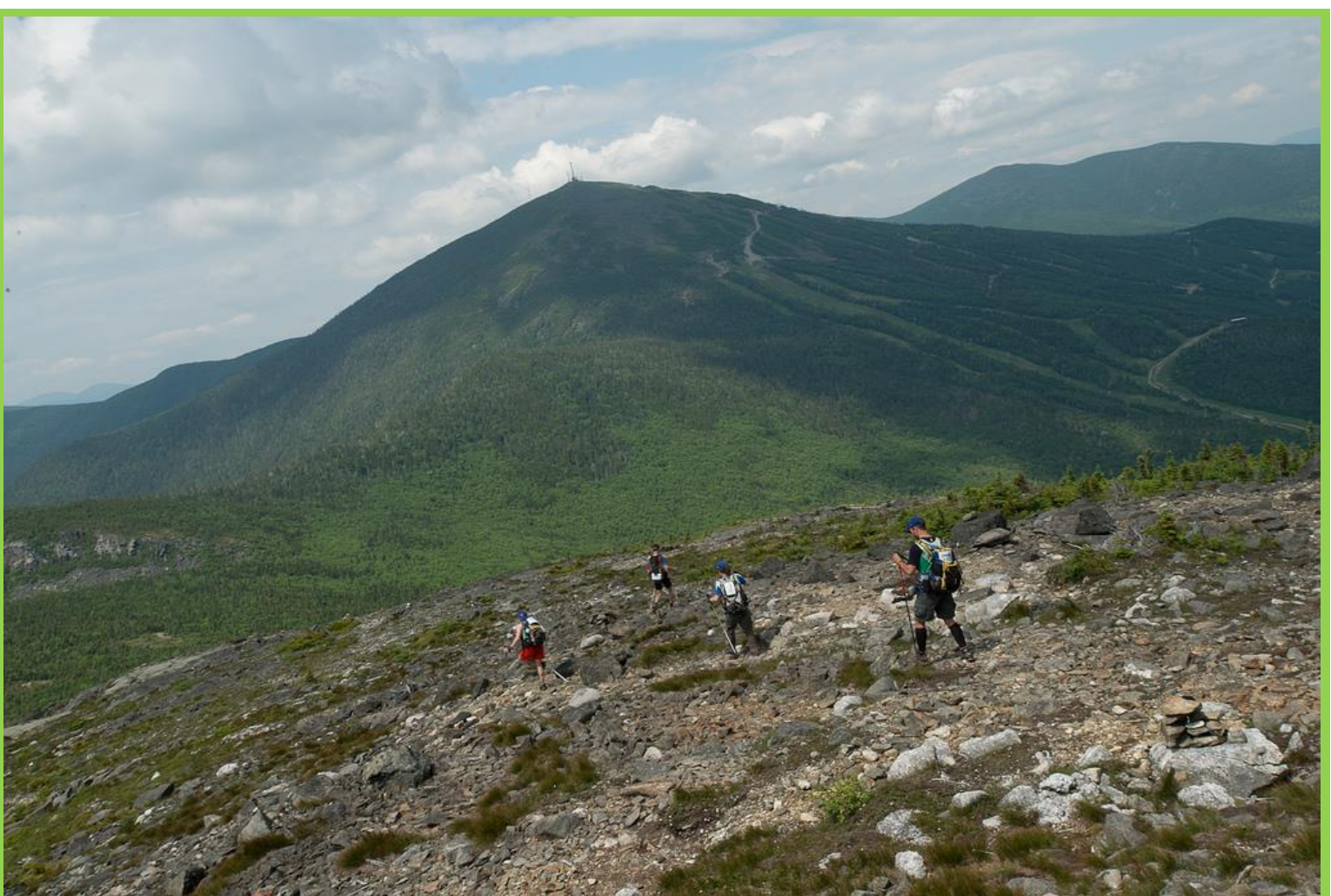
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## Concluding Remarks

This concludes Captain Communication #2 for the 2014 Untamed New England Adventure Race. The clock is ticking; June will quickly be here. Circulate this and the first Captain Communication (available at [http://www.UntamedNE.com/media/CaptainComm1\\_2014.pdf](http://www.UntamedNE.com/media/CaptainComm1_2014.pdf)) with your race team and be as organized as possible for the race.

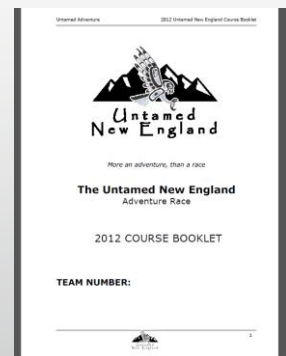
Loom for our final Captain Communication in June with the race course outline and other final notes.

Grant Killian and the staff of Untamed Adventure



## RACE INSTRUCTION BOOK

View our full race instruction booklet from the 2012 edition of the expedition at <http://bit.ly/1ebZigb>



This provides valuable insight into how a race like this is structured and can give you an idea for what to expect this June.