



Captain Communication

#3 — June 2014



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Presenting sponsor



From our Race Director

Commitment – that’s the word that’s been rattling around in my head a lot these last few weeks. The Untamed New England 2014 Expedition Race, presented by Plum Creek, is a giant exercise in commitment.

Each of the 5 race legs outlined on the next page form a battery of physical, mental, and spiritual tests. I doubt most of you are adequately prepared for what’s in store . . . but that’s the point.

Overcoming the challenge of a rugged expedition course such as this is what real adventure racing is all about. That’s the fun of it! If you’re not a little scared or uncertain or intimidated at the starting line, then I’m not sure why you’re doing this.

Commitment doesn’t just apply to the competitors. This is a huge organizational commitment on the part of Untamed Adventure Racing and the partners we work with.

Just one example: years of relationship building have convinced land managers in the highlands of Maine that we are responsible visitors to places like the ecological preserve surrounding TA #2 for many miles in all directions. In a few days of racing, we will introduce that remote corner of Maine to a global crowd of competitors and the audience that follows them. We’ll be increasing by orders of magnitude the count of visitors to that special place in a typical June.

The commitment is shared, then. Presenting sponsor Plum Creek and race volunteers Megan and Joern from Switzerland . . . elite team Columbia Vidaraid and media team BreatheMag.com . . . land managers and back-country response teams. We’re all in this together. Committed.

Read this 3rd Captain Communication carefully and use the Course Overview to organize your gear and ease your pre-race logistics. Note the addition of the mobile phone to the required equipment list. Familiarize yourself with the pre-race schedule.

Personally, I wouldn’t invest much time in trying to guess where the race course actually travels based on the Overview on page 2. Rest assured that we have a phenomenal course for you. It’s a course of epic proportions, one where land managers gasp when they’re briefed on the big picture. Some exclaim “that’s not possible!” or “who can possibly do this?” – and our answer always comes back to one central fact: a team of committed people can accomplish amazing things.

Safe travels to Maine, everyone!



USARA LICENSE REQUIRED FOR ALL RACERS

Untamed New England is a USARA insured event (US Adventure Racing Association). A single event license is \$8 and is required for all athletes unless they have an annual USARA membership. Athletes must bring their USARA membership card, or pay \$8 at registration for our insurance requirements.

OFFICIAL RACE MAPS

Teams will get a lot of maps at the briefing on Tuesday night. Plan for:

- A set of 2 47” x 36” official Untamed New England topo maps on waterproof paper
- 3 double sided 8”x11” “supplementary” maps on waterproof paper
- 1 double sided 11”x17” “supplementary” map **not** on waterproof paper
 - This is the only map that is not on waterproof paper

No UTM plotting is required with these maps. On the race course, there are a couple locations where you will receive additional maps to use for specific sections. Those will all be printed on waterproof paper with any checkpoints marked.



2014 Course Overview

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Gear Bin Key	
	Team Paddle Bin
	Personal Gear Bin
	Remote Team Gear Bin

 Hot camp meal provided to all racers -- courtesy of Good To-Go
GoodTo-Go.com



Leg 1

Trekking & Canoe Paddling
35-45 mi (55-70 km)



Leg 2

Mountain Biking
70-80 miles
(110-130 km)



Camp Kelty TA
Kelty tents
setup for teams



Orienteering
Relay

Pancake Paradise!
 Hot pancakes
between legs of
the o-relay
\$10/person or \$15 for 2

The "Abenaki Lost World"
Trekking & Packrafting
25-35 miles (40-55 km)

Leg 3



Leg 4



Trekking & Canoe Paddling
40-50 miles (65-80 km)



Leg 5

Whitewater Rafting,
Trekking,
Packrafting, &
Mountain Biking
60-70 miles (95-110 km)



Pre-race Schedule

All activities take place at Northern Outdoors resort in The Forks, Maine.

Tuesday June 17th 10 AM – 6 PM Untamed Expo with exhibits from brands including a chance to get hands-on with AlpackaRaft and samples of the race canoes, food samples, tracking devices, gear raffle including packs from OutThere USA and Ultimate Direction, meet community leaders, and connect with members of the media.

Tuesday June 17th 1 PM – 3 PM AR Symposium broadcast live by Breathe Magazine. Panel Q & A with some of the elite adventure racers in Maine to race.

Tuesday June 17th 3 PM – Team Check-In (Time windows scheduled by team number)

3:00 PM	Teams #70 to #71
3:15 PM	Teams #65 to #67
3:30 PM	Teams #61 to #64
3:45 PM	Teams #40 to #60
4:00 PM	Teams #36 to #39
4:15 PM	Teams #32 to #35
4:30 PM	Teams #28 to #31
4:45 PM	Teams #23 to #27
5:00 PM	Teams #20 to #23
5:15 PM	Teams #5 to #8
5:30 PM	Teams #1 to #4

Tuesday June 17th 7 PM Official Welcome and Team Meeting – briefing, course reveal, map distribution

Wednesday June 18th 6:30 AM Captain Meeting (final Q&A)

Wednesday June 18th 7:30 AM Deadline for gear and bike drop

Wednesday June 18th 8:00 AM Board buses to race start

MOBILE PHONE ADDED TO MANDATORY GEAR LIST

As an additional safety precaution, we've added a mobile phone to the mandatory gear list. All teams must carry one mobile phone with them at all times on the race course.

At race check-in, teams will need to present a fully charged mobile phone capable of calling and receiving calls from a US phone. This will be confirmed at check-in.

Race staff will power off the phone, then seal the phone before returning it to you, so be prepared to have that phone unavailable to you after check-in (because if you unwrap it or tamper with the seal you will be disqualified from the race).

TEAM CHECK-IN EXPECTATIONS

Team check-in will consist of the following:

- USARA licensing
- Race bibs distributed
- Finalize waivers
- Tracking device familiarization
- Mobile phone testing and sealing
- Credit card imprint for equipment damage
- Official team photo
- Race SWAG

Note: the only gear we're checking is the mobile phone . . . you do not need to bring any other equipment with you.

Live Race Coverage

The Untamed New England Adventure Race will feature live coverage at

<http://www.UntamedNE.com/Live>

This link will be the hub for all news, photos, videos, live GPS tracking of teams, and much more. We will also publish this link on our main race homepage, www.UntamedNE.com.

Share this link with friends and family who can follow your progress during the race, and we will be delivering Trail Mail to racers at a couple junctures on the course, so if they send you Trail Mail their cheers can really lift your spirits!

For those on Twitter, we're using the hashtag #une14 ; on Facebook we're at www.Facebook.com/UntamedNE.

If you have a moment to reach out to your local newspaper, forward them our latest press release (<http://www.untamedne.com/Media/PR-AMC.pdf>) and a note saying "Hey, we're racing in this event – I'm happy to talk with you or provide more info..." You and your team can help us to spread the word about the sport, the race, and connect with your community

Course Commentary

The following are some quotes from our course testing:

- "Are you going to tell them about the prologue? It's a nice map & compass warm-up right before Leg 1."
- "The bugs are only bad if you stop moving, so that's an incentive to keep making progress along the course."
- "Leg 1 *alone* is more of an adventure than most people would do in a year. Seriously, that's a great accomplishment all itself. The Good To-Go meal at TA #1 is going to be a big spirit-lifter."
- "The scenery is spectacular . . . it's worth it to pause a moment and take in the views. Absolutely **zero** signs of human civilization for as far as the eye can see."
- You've made the Abenaki Lost World section the 3-bunny section for this race? I actually think there is a variety of 3-bunny stretches spread around the course" – Editor's note: Untamed uses the bunny scale for grading adventure race challenge (1-bunny: nice & friendly; 2-bunny: challenging; 3-bunny: if we ever make it through this, someday, we'll laugh at the experience).



- "Tell them to bring money, both for the pancakes at the O-relay and later for when they pass through the town. Ice cream if it's hot . . . coffee if it's cold. Or maybe both no matter the circumstances?"

GUESTS AT THE POST-RACE AWARDS MEAL

Tickets will be on sale pre-race for the post-race awards meal at Northern Outdoors on Sunday. All racers get their tickets included with their race entry, but family and friends will need to buy their own tickets for \$20/each. Discounted children's tickets are also available.

RAFFLE WINNER!

Congratulations to Wayne Leek of Toronto, Canada for winning the Cops4ACause.com raffle for a new Alpaca packraft!



The Cops4ACause.com team is racing Untamed New England to race money and awareness for the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County.

The team will be organizing a raffle at the pre-race Expo on Tuesday June 17th, so look for their table at Northern Outdoors and your chance to win some other cool prizes (packs from Ultimate Direction and OutThere USA, and other gear!).

OutThere USA BACKPACKS!

OutThere USA (Mike Kloser) is offering participants of the Untamed New England Expedition Race pro pricing for the AS-1 and AS-2 back packs, Rain Covers & Hydration Reservoirs. You can find out more about the products at OutThereUSA.com The prices are 20% off retail. The Promo Code is UntamedNewEngland2014.

To use the Promo Code, email Mike@OutThereUSA.com



Concluding Remarks

I'm thinking everyone is tired of *hearing* about the race and ready to get the adventure started. I won't stay in the way of that.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday at Northern Outdoors resort, earlier in the day for a fun Expo and Symposium with some of the top racers in the world . . . and later in the day when it's time to switch gears and get down to business in the Highlands of Maine!

Grant Killian and the staff of Untamed Adventure



3 Captain Communications

For reference purposes, these are the three Captain Communications in advance of the 2014 Untamed New England race:

1. January 2014:
http://www.untamedne.com/media/CaptainComm1_2014.pdf
2. April 2014:
http://www.untamedne.com/media/CaptainComm2_2014.pdf
3. June 2014 (this Communication):
http://www.untamedne.com/media/CaptainComm3_2014.pdf

Moscow Compasses at Untamed New England!

			
\$50	\$50	\$45	
Model 2. Fast <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Needle setting time: 0,5-1 sec.◦ Stability during running: good◦ Magnet: extra high-power◦ Scale: b/w, scale unit 2 grad.	Model 3. Stable <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Needle setting time: 1-1,5 sec.◦ Stability during running: excellent◦ Magnet: extra high-power◦ Scale: b/w, scale unit 2 grad.	Model 11. Universal <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Needle setting time: 1,5-2 sec.◦ Stability during running: good◦ Magnet: high-power◦ Scale: yellow, 2 grad.	
			
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Mark Lattanzi is now selling Moscow compasses.

I have ordered 10 of each model and I'm hoping to get them in time to bring them to Untamed to sell. You can also pre-order one at:

<http://www.navigationtips.com/store/>

Questions? I can be reached at marklattanzi@gmail.com