



CAPE ANN YMCA PASSES THE TORCH TO YUKAN SPORTS TO CONTINUE THE AROUND CAPE ANN 25K ROAD RACE TRADITION FOR THE 2019 YUKANRUN RACE SEASON

Historic road race will be back as expert road race organizer YuKan Sports takes over management of this long standing YMCA road race

Gloucester, MA–The Cape Ann Y and Race Organizer YuKan Sports announced that Around Cape Ann 25k, the beloved 84 year old Cape Ann road race, will be back next year as part of [YuKanRun's 2019 race series](#).

Since July 4th, 1933 when 14 runners took off from Stage Fort Park on the first Around Cape Ann road race, this race has been part of the fabric of Cape Ann. The Around **Cape Ann 25k** is considered among the best and oldest races in America. Since its inception, runners from all over Cape Ann and the United States have turned out to face the challenge of one of the most difficult and beautiful race courses in New England.

Cape Ann Executive Director, Tim Flaherty said, "We know how important this race is to the Cape Ann race community and we are thrilled to pass the torch to Rich Morrell and Yukan Sports so they can continue this wonderful tradition. We are committed to supporting YuKan Sports as they breathe new life into this race for 2019."

For more than two decades the Cape Ann YMCA has presented the Around Cape Ann 25K and this year there was a need to move the race from its traditional Labor Day weekend and after much thought and careful deliberation, the difficult decision to postpone the 2018 Around the Cape 25K was made.

Rich Morrell, YuKan Sports, "I'm honored and humbled to join the history of the Around Cape Ann Road Race and to do my part to shepherd the race moving forward. The Y has done an amazing job with road races across the North Shore. I'm thrilled that the Y will continue to be involved and that portions of race proceeds will support the Y and the important work they do in the community. The Around Cape Ann Road Race has a colorful history and I feel a great sense of responsibility and stewardship as the race director. I'm excited to build on the event's heritage and do my part to ensure its success moving forward"

About the Y

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