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Yup'ik musher Peter Kaiser wins Iditarod XLVII

Nome, Alaska – Veteran Iditarod musher Peter Kaiser (bib #9), of Bethel, Alaska, crossed under the burlled arch in Nome at 3:39 a.m. today, claiming his first Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race championship. Kaiser had eight dogs in harness when he crossed the finish line to win the Iditarod XLVII title.

Kaiser is the first musher of Yup'ik descent to win an Iditarod championship. His roots in Bethel, located in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region in Southwest Alaska, span three generations, starting with his great-grandparents. He has run every Iditarod since 2010, placing as high as fifth place three times with five total top ten finishes. He is also a four-time, consecutive Kuskokwim 300 champion.

Kaiser's team traversed the nearly 1,000-mile trail from Willow to Nome in nine days, 12 hours, 39 minutes and six seconds.

Front Street in Nome was lined with fans from all over Alaska and the world to watch as Kaiser drove his race team to the finish line.

Mushers currently on the Iditarod trail will continue to make their way to Nome to cheering fans, friends and family. The race finishes when the last musher crosses under the arch, claiming the "red lantern," a long-standing Iditarod tradition and symbol of perseverance.

The Iditarod awards banquet will be held in Nome on Sunday, March 17, at 4 p.m. at the Nome Recreation Center. Here, Kaiser will again be recognized as champion and awarded his prize money as well as a new 2019 Ram truck.

For more information or to follow the race, visit www.iditarod.com.

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