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Mitch Seavey wins Iditarod XLV in record time

Breaks two race records, captures third Iditarod championship

Nome, Alaska – Veteran Iditarod musher Mitch Seavey (bib #16), of Seward, Alaska, crossed the finish line in Nome, Alaska, at 3:40 p.m. AKST on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, claiming his third Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race championship.

Seavey had 11 dogs in harness when he claimed the Iditarod XLV title. He now holds the race record for fastest winning time as well as for being the oldest Iditarod champion at age 57.

Seavey's team traveled the nearly 1,000-mile trail from Fairbanks to Nome in eight days, three hours, 40 minutes and 13 seconds, beating his son Dallas Seavey's 2016 race record by more than seven hours. Together, Mitch and his son have claimed the last six Iditarod race wins, with Mitch claiming the title in 2013 and now 2017.

Fans from all over the world lined Front Street to greet Seavey and his dog team as they pulled through the famed burlled arch on a clear afternoon in Nome. Mushers currently on the Iditarod trail will continue their trek to Nome and finish under the iconic archway in the hours and days to come.

The Iditarod awards banquet will be held in Nome on Sunday, March 19, 2017, at 4 p.m. at the Nome Mini Recreation Center. For more information or to follow the race, visit Iditarod.com.

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