



Targa Newfoundland is back with the biggest tarmac rally in years

(June 11, 2025, St. John's, NL) ... The legendary Targa Newfoundland tarmac rally returns this fall with the biggest field of cars competing in many years. Thirty teams are signed up and gearing up for an epic six-day rally from eastern to central Newfoundland and back again.

“This will be the biggest and best Targa Newfoundland since 2018,” says Targa owner Robert Giannou. “We’ve attracted rally enthusiasts from across North America and parts of Europe with a large number of returning competitors and exciting new teams. Targa Newfoundland is back!”

Targa Newfoundland, which first ran in 2002, is the only tarmac rally of its kind in North America. Held each fall on the ruggedly beautiful island of Newfoundland in eastern Canada, the rally covers 2000 kilometres of challenging, twisty roads and amazing scenery across the island including about 500 kilometres of thrilling stages on closed sections of public roads.

In just three months, the rally will start in downtown St. John's at the Mary Brown's Centre on Saturday, Sept. 11 and continue for six gruelling days ending in the narrow streets of historic Brigus on Thursday, September 18.

This year's route will take teams to dozens of communities on the Southern Shore, Irish Loop, Cape Shore, Eastport Peninsula, Notre Dame Bay, Random Island and Conception Bay areas. The always popular town stages in Bay Bulls, Gander, Glenwood and Appleton are also back this year.

Now in its 23rd year, Targa Newfoundland will reach an incredible milestone – the 1000th stage – during this fall's event.

“We're preparing a truly special celebration of the 1000th stage at the new Salvaje Longhouse in the outport of Salvaje on the Eastport Peninsula after the cars cross the finish line there,” says Giannou. More details to come.

Targa is divided into four categories:

- **Targa 2** is the highest speed division for cars with full roll cages.
- **Targa 1** is a competitive division for cars with roll bars.
- **Grand Touring** is a time, speed and distance competition also known as a navigational rally.
- **Targa Tour** is a non-competitive motorsport adventure.

Cars are subdivided as classic or modern (made before or after 2000) and whether they are two-wheel or all-wheel drive. The field this year will include a variety of classic, sports and muscle cars. Each team consists of a driver and co-driver or navigator. In the three competitive divisions, teams must meet set times for each stage to avoid penalties.

Owned and operated by Newfoundland International Motorsports Limited, Targa Newfoundland is one of only three internationally recognized Targa motorsports events in the world. Since 2002, Targa Newfoundland, the ultimate tarmac rally in North America, has attracted hundreds of professional and amateur racers from around the globe to Newfoundland and Labrador. Visit the Targa website targanfld.com for more information.

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