

There's plenty of action left for boat racers

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Half of the boat-racing year is gone, but even though biggies like the Mug Race and the Mayport-St. Augustine have come and gone, there's still plenty of hot racing action for sailors and powerboaters.

Here's a directory of when, where, how far and who you should contact for details for all you racers and would-be racers for the rest of the year:

SUMMER CRUISER CLASSIC — JULY 28 (SATURDAY) — St. Johns River. Fifteen-nautical-mile race for cruisers only. PHRF ratings are required, but the sponsoring Rudder Club normally issues a temporary rating for all its regattas for those who don't have current ones. Contact The Rudder Club days at 264-4094.

SUMMER WRAPUP REGATTA — AUG. 25-26 (SATURDAY-SUNDAY) — Two distance races for cruisers, triangle races for one-designs. Contact the Florida Yacht Club at 387-1653.

WRECK RACE — SEPT. 1 (SATURDAY) — Twenty-nautical-mile ocean race from Mayport to offshore Fernandina Beach. Cruisers above 22 feet only, current PHRF cards required. Contact the North Florida Cruising Club's George Marsch at 398-8636 or 733-1123.

LABOR DAY REGATTA — SEPT. 1-2 (SATURDAY-SUNDAY) — St. Johns River. Fifteen-nautical-mile distance race Sunday for cruisers, three scheduled triangle races Saturday for one-designs (distance race Sunday counts as two races for one-designs). Contact The Rudder Club days at 264-4094.

WILD TURKEY THISTLE REGATTA — SEPT. 8-9 (SATURDAY-SUNDAY) — St. Johns River. For Thistles only. Up to five triangle races. Contact The Rudder Club days at 264-4094.

CORONADO REGATTA — SEPT. 8-9 (SATURDAY-SUNDAY) — St. Johns River. One-design regatta for Coronado 15s, up to five triangle races. Contact the Florida Yacht Club at 387-1653.

BIKINI RACE — SEPT. 23 (SUNDAY) — St. Johns River. Distance race for cruisers for the la-

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ties. Crews must be at least 50 percent female, as must be the helmsperson on all boats. Contact the North Florida Cruising Club's George Marsch at 398-8636 or 733-1123.

OCEAN CLASSIC — SEPT. 29 (SATURDAY) — Thirty-and-a-half-nautical mile race for cruisers from Mayport to St. Augustine. Current PHRF rating required. Contact the San Jose Yacht Club's Steve Henderson evenings at 733-9616.

COMMODORE'S RACE — SEPT. 30 (SUNDAY) — Offshore triangle race off St. Augustine for cruisers. Current PHRF ratings required. Contact the St. Augustine Yacht Club's Rick Coonce evenings at 731-7838.

WESLEY DUNN MEMORIAL — SEPT. 30 (SUNDAY) — St. Johns River. Powerboat races on Mill Cove in Arlington for all classes from hydros to tunnel-hulls. Cash prizes and trophies. One of the few boat races in the area with spectator appeal. Admission to Jacksonville Outboard Club's grounds is free. Contact the JOC's Doug Cook evenings at 388-4232.

NAVY DAY RACE — OCT. 14 (SUNDAY) — St. Johns River. Triangle races for one-designs, distance race for cruisers, current PHRF cards required. Contact Navy Jax Yacht Club's Dick Flake evenings at 269-5982.

FALL RIVER RACE — OCT. 21 (SUNDAY) — St. Johns River. Distance race for cruisers, current PHRF cards required. Contact the North Florida Cruising Club's George Marsch at 398-8636 or 733-1123.

FALL RIVER CLASSIC — NOV. 4 (SUNDAY) — St. Johns River. Distance race for cruisers, current PHRF ratings required. Contact The Rudder Club days at 264-4094.

SANDY DOUGLAS REGATTA — NOV. 10 (SAT-

URDAY) — St. Johns River. One of the Southeast's most prestigious regattas for Flying Scots and Lightnings. Named for the designer of the boats, who is traditionally in attendance. Three triangle races. Contact The Rudder Club days at 264-4094.

KING'S DAY REGATTA — NOV. 18 (SUNDAY) — St. Johns River. With the May Mug Race, the competitive sailing event of the year in Northeast Florida. Fifteen-nautical-mile distance race for cruisers, current PHRF cards required. The race, commemorating a longboat race held by British sailors on the St. Johns in 1776 to celebrate the birthday of King George III, yearly attracts as many as 100 boats, making it the largest cruisers-only race between the Chesapeake Bay and Fort Lauderdale. Contact the Florida Yacht Club at 387-1653.

J-24 STATES — NOV. 24-25 (SATURDAY-SUNDAY) — St. Johns River. State championship class regatta for J-24s. Up to five triangle races. Contact the Florida Yacht Club at 387-1653.

GATOR BOWL SAILING REGATTA — DEC. 1-2 (SATURDAY-SUNDAY) — St. Johns River. First event in the three-race Gator Bowl Series. Fifteen-nautical-mile distance race Sunday for cruisers. Three scheduled triangle races Saturday for one-designs (distance race Sunday counts as two races for one-designs). Contact The Rudder Club days at 264-4094.

GATOR BOWL JUNIOR REGATTA — DEC. 8 (SATURDAY) — St. Johns Regatta. Triangle races for kids 8-15 in prams and one-designs. Contact The Rudder Club days at 264-4094.

GATOR BOWL POWERBOAT RACES — DEC. 16 (SUNDAY) — St. Johns River. Powerboat races on Mill Cove in Arlington for all classes from hydros to tunnel-hulls. Cash prizes and trophies. Admission to Jacksonville Outboard Club's grounds is free. Contact the JOC's Doug Cook evenings at 388-4232.

FROSTBITE REGATTA — DEC. 16 (SUNDAY) — St. Johns River. Fifteen-nautical-mile distance race for cruisers, triangle races for one-designs. Contact the Florida Yacht Club at 387-1653.