



NOTICE OF RACE

The 67th Mug Race

The Rudder Club of Jacksonville
Jacksonville, Florida, USA
1 May - 3 May 2020

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted; however, it must conform to the guidelines of ISAF Regulations 20.2.1, 20.2.2, 20.2.4 and 20.2.6.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The term “class” in general usage refers to a set of design characteristics as prescribed by a set of rules referred to as “class rules.” Boats whose configuration does not conform to the configuration prescribed by the class rules for that boat shall indicate this on their race registration and Supplemental Form online or in writing to the Race Committee.
- 3.2 All boats are eligible for entry that have a mast height of 44 feet or less and can meet the requirements of one or more categories listed in 3.4 below.
- 3.3 For scoring purposes boats will be grouped into Mug Race specific groups hereinafter referred to as a “Fleet,” “Division,” and “Sub Division.”
- 3.4 Entrants will be divided into the following Fleets.
- (a) Monohull Fleet (Boats included in the Portsmouth Yardstick Centerboard and Keelboat categories and similar non-listed boats.)
 - (1) Spinnaker Sub Division
 - (2) Non-Spinnaker Sub Division
 - (b) Cruiser Fleet (Boats included in the Portsmouth Yardstick Offshore Classes and similar boats.)
 - (1) Spinnaker Sub Division
 - (2) Non-Spinnaker Sub Division
 - (c) Multihull Fleet (Boats included in the Portsmouth Yardstick Multihull category and similar non-listed boats.)
 - (1) Multihull Division
 - (i) Spinnaker Sub Division
 - (ii) Non-Spinnaker Sub Division
 - (2) Multihull Cruiser Division (must be greater than 20’, have overnight accommodations, self-bailing cockpit and proper safety gear.)
 - (i) Spinnaker Sub Division
 - (ii) Non-Spinnaker Sub Division
 - (d) Windsurfers (Boats included in the Portsmouth Yardstick Windsurfer Tables)
 - (1) Div II (SA = < 6m²)
 - (2) Div IIB (SA = 6-7m²)
 - (3) Div IIC (SA = > 7m²)

Note: Information on the Portsmouth Yardstick may be obtained at

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/portsmouth-h-yardstick-table-pre-calculated-classes/> .

Access to the actual list of ratings is restricted to US Sailing members, but these values may be accessed through Regatta Network when you register on line.

- 3.5 A minimum of five registered boats is necessary to constitute a division/sub division for scoring and trophy purposes. Divisions may be combined should insufficient numbers register.
- 3.6 Registration
- (a) Registration is on-line with the US SAILING Regatta Network through the event web page at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20243> . Boats registering on-line will receive a \$20.00 on-line registration discount if they register before 2400 19 April 2020. Boats may confirm that their registration has been recorded by selecting the participant lists available on the event Regatta Network Web Site. Boats submitting an on-line registration but not completing the fee submission will receive an automated e-mail providing directions as to how to complete their registrations. For boats needing assistance in registering on-line, please contact Jonathan Hamilton at 904-635-9270 or raceoffice@rudderclub.com .
 - (b) Boats not registering in advance may register as in 5.1 and 5.2 as applicable.
- 3.7 All windsurfer and non-race configured canoe entries shall provide a dedicated support boat to follow them along the entire course. The support boat shall be equipped with a Marine VHF Radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channel 78 and a cellular telephone. Support boats shall also be equipped with operable running lights that meet the requirements of the Inland Rules of Navigation. The support boat shall be in accompaniment when the windsurfer/canoe checks in at the starting line, the mid-course gate and the finish or the entrant will be scored DNS.
- 3.8 Other dedicated support boats for junior entries etc. are encouraged to provide the Race Committee with mobile phone and radio calls sign information to be used in the case of an emergency.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Advance, on-line registration (including payment) on or before April 19 is \$85.00. Registration at Packet Pickup on April 18 will be on-line and receive this discounted fee.
- 4.2 Registration Fee – After 4/19 is \$105.00.

- 4.3 Late Registration Fee –After 12:00 am Friday 1 May, registration is \$135. Race registration in Palatka will be online and open until 5:00 pm on Friday 1 May.
- 4.4 Rudder Club, and Palatka Yacht Club Member Discount: \$ 5.00.
- 4.5 US Sailing Membership Discount: \$5.00. On-line registration will check this automatically when the member number is entered during the registration process.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Packet Pickup
Race packets will be available starting Saturday, 18 April 2020 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Assistance will be provided to register on line from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- 5.2 Late registration and Race Packet Pick Up, Quality Inn, Palatka, Friday 1 May 2020 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm.
- 5.3 Competitors Meeting Friday 1 May 2020 7:15 pm at the Amphitheater.
- 5.4 The Mug Race Saturday 2 May 2020
The five minute warning signal for the multihull fleet will be at 7:55 am. The five minute warning signal for the monohull fleet will be at 8:05 am. Race committee will signal boats over early in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

6 MEASUREMENT

Boats with a masthead height greater than 44 feet may not compete in the Mug Race. All boats are subject to measurement by the Race Committee at any time.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions are posted on the Regatta Network Official Web Site at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20243> , available at the Registration Party and posted on the Bulletin Board as well as on the official web site. The Bulletin Board will be on the North Wall of the Rudder Club until 1400 on 1 May at which time it will shift to the glass entry door of the Quality Inn and Suites Palatka.

8 COURSES

The course is contained in the Sailing Instructions.

9 VENUE

The racing areas are between the Palatka Bridge and the Buckman Bridge as depicted on the following:
NOAA 1187 (11492c) and NOAA 11492 a and b

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Race will be scored using the North American Portsmouth Yardstick, non-wind adjusted (D-PN).
- 10.2 US Portsmouth ratings are available for US Sailing members at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/portsmouth-h-yardstick-table-pre-calculated-classes/>

If registering on-line, you can look up your code by clicking on “Lookup Code” to the right of the USSA Portsmouth Code box. Find your boat in resulting drop down menu. This will list your DPN number and your code. Click on the code and your boat type will be entered in your registration.

- 10.3 For boats with no Portsmouth Handicap, a rating will be assigned by the Rudder Club Handicapper based on similarly configured boats and/or an existing time on distance rating.
- 10.4 Boats configured differently than the configuration assumed for the class by the North American Portsmouth Yardstick in assigning a DPN will be adjusted in the case of monohulls in accordance with Table VI – **Optional Allowance Modification Factors** and for Multihulls in accordance with **Modification Factors for Multihulls**.
- 10.5 If five or more boats are entered in a one design class as defined by class rules, they may be scored as a separate division as well as for an overall position.
- 10.6 Boats finishing after sunset 8:06 pm on 2 May will be scored DNF as per direction of the US Coast Guard. Boats crossing the mid-point gate after 6:30 pm on 2 May will likewise be scored DNF. This changes Rule 90.3.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor respond to radio communications not available to all boats.
- 11.2 This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 11.3 Communication with the Race Committee and support boats shall take place on Marine VHF Channel 78. Boats, where equipped, shall also maintain a listening watch on Channel 16.
- 11.4 DSC boats are encouraged to have an assigned MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identity) and a working GPS connected to or integral to their VHF radio. Boats may obtain a free MMSI at <http://www.boatus.com/mmsi/> .

12 TROPHIES

The Mug Cup	First boat to finish. (line honors)
Ed Burroughs Trophy	First Monohull or Multihull to finish on corrected time
Commodore’s Trophy	First Rudder Club boat to finish on corrected time
Palatka Chamber of Commerce Trophy	First multihull cruiser to finish on corrected time
Sullivan E. Howard Trophy	First Portsmouth Monohull Fleet boat to finish on corrected time.
Archie Markland Trophy	First Portsmouth Offshore Fleet boat to finish on corrected time
John Saare Trophy	First Multihull Fleet Boat to finish on corrected time.

Bobbie Lee Johnson Trophy	First All-female crewed boat to finish on corrected time.
Youngest Sailor Trophy	First boat to finish on corrected time with person in charge (PIC) and all crew under the age of 19
Colin MacKenzie Trophy	First Putnam County resident to finish (registered PIC) with the shortest overall corrected time.
Corinthian Trophy	Last boat to finish
Sportsman's Trophy	Best sportsman, exemplary race behavior
Class Trophies	Up to five deep, depending on size of class

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this regatta are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, *Decision to Race*. Completion and submission of a registration form for this regatta constitute an acceptance of and agreement to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing, this Race Notice and the Sailing Instructions.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance. This rule is not protestable.

15 TRAILERS

The Mug Race is a one-way race. Trailers, vehicles and crew distribution between the two points of the race shall be arranged before setting sail in the race.

16 SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

Rudder Club to Palatka		
Friday, 1 May	Only Bus:	1730 5:30P.M.
Saturday 2 May	1st Bus:	0515 (5:15 A.M.)
	2nd Bus	2100 (9:00 P.M.)

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the:

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NOTE: This Quick Response Code when scanned on a smart phone or other scan capable mobile device, will take the user to a specific mobile device structured site on Regatta Network containing information on the Mug Race and the ability to register on-line. It will also contain the latest information on the race status as well as the NOR, the SIs and any changes there to. The actual link to this page is

http://www.regattanetwork.com/mobile/mobile_event_detail.php?regatta_id=20243.





Things to know for the 67th Annual Mug Race!

This year, Mug Race returns to its traditional starting venue in central Palatka. The Friday May 1 packet pickup will be in the Quality Inn, and the skippers' meeting will be in the Riverfront Park amphitheater. Saturday's start will be just north of the US 17 (Memorial) Bridge, providing great spectator viewing!

TWO STARTS, ONE START LINE!

There will be a single start line just north of the US 17 (Memorial Bridge). Multihulls will start at 8:00 AM (7:55 warning) on Saturday morning. Monohulls will start at 8:10 AM (8:05 warning). Spectators can park on the Memorial Bridge northbound side during the start for a great view.

OTHER NEW STUFF!



A new addition – two food trucks will augment the dining options in Palatka on Friday evening (Rollin Smoke BBQ and Manny's Cuban Food)!



And this year tee-shirts can be ordered in advance on the registration website storefront <https://regattanetwork/events/26403>. Order when you register and we will put them in your packet. Order early to be sure you get the size you want! In addition to the cotton short-sleeve tees, we will have limited numbers of hi-tech long-sleeve shirts and ladies tank-tops.

MUG RACE LOGISTICS

Mug Race is a one-way distance race with special logistical challenges. If you are new to Mug Race, please read this section carefully! The start will be in Palatka, but the finish is just south of the Buckman Bridge in Jacksonville – near the Rudder Club.

Boats on trailers will want to launch at the Palatka City Ramp, just south of the US 17 bridge at the southern end of Riverfront Park.

- If you wish to have your trailer waiting for you at the Rudder Club, you can drive it to the Rudder Club on Friday and take the 5:30 pm shuttle bus back to the Quality Inn in Palatka. See the full shuttle schedule below.
- Alternatively, you can leave your trailer and tow vehicle in Palatka at the City Dock parking area and return for it on the Saturday 9:00 pm shuttle bus.
- When you bring your trailer to the Rudder Club, come to the gate (8533 Malaga Ave). You will find a parking place for your trailer INSIDE the gate, then detach your tow vehicle and move it OUTSIDE the gate.
- If you want to leave your catamaran on cat tracks in Palatka (or your dinghy on its dolly), there will be a trailer at the City Dock on which you can load your cat tracks after launching on Saturday. We will drive this trailer to the Rudder Club Saturday morning and have the tracks waiting at the club. Please put your name on your tracks or dolly!

Larger boats that arrive in Palatka via water can dock overnight for two nights for free at the City Docks just south of the US 17 bridge. There are two docks – one just south of the bridge and one at the southern end of Riverfront Park near the ramp. There is no electricity at these docks. You can stay overnight on your boat. There are restrooms in the small building near the ramp (but these are closed from dusk till dawn). There will be portapotties near the ramp. Alternatively, if you have paid for a room at the Quality Inn, they have new docks with electricity where you can dock for free (please inform them when you reserve your room).

Shuttle bus schedule from the Rudder Club to the Quality Inn in Palatka (\$12, purchase online at the Storefront <https://regattanetwork/events/26403>).

Friday May 1 – 5:30 pm departure (arrives in Palatka in time for Skippers' meeting)

Saturday May 2 – 5:15 am departure

Saturday May 2 – 9:00 pm departure

Lodging in Palatka

The closest hotels to the activities are:

- The Quality Inn, about \$99 per night plus taxes, where we have managed to reserve a small number of rooms. For reservations, call 386-328-3481 and say “Mug Race”
- The Hampton Inn, which is actually closer to City Docks and the restaurants on St. Johns, but is about \$169 per night plus taxes.

Other hotels will require a car, with the Best Western on US 17 the closest.

There is no camping in Riverfront Park.

Food in Palatka Friday night

We are excited to announce two food trucks to be in Riverfront Park on Friday evening:

Rollin Smoke BBQ

Manny's Cuban Food

In addition, there are several restaurants in walking distance:

- Beef O-Brady's, in the Quality Inn;

- Mariachiles Mexican Restaurant on St. John's Ave, easy walk from park.

And several bars:

- Uncorked and Unwind (craft beer and excellent wine) on Second Ave. across from the Hampton Inn;
- Beef O'Brady's in the Quality Inn;
- Steamboat Willie's on St. Johns Ave.

Lodging in Jacksonville

There are numerous hotels at the intersection of I-295 and US 17, at the boundary of Jacksonville and Orange Park. The Best Western, Days Inn, and Hampton Inn are particularly close to the Rudder Club. None are within walking distance.

Parking at the Rudder Club

There is vehicle parking along the street and on the vacant lot at the corner of Malaga and Collins. DO NOT PARK directly across the street from the club gate in front of the house and be respectful of areas the neighbors have taped off. The gate attendant may direct you to other parking once the corner lot is full.

Saturday night at the Rudder Club

Supper will be served at the Rudder Club starting about 6pm and running till about 10pm. We try to be slightly flexible depending on the race conditions. *Music starts at 6pm, and the beer kegs open once racers start to arrive.* Come relax after a long day out on the water.

When you arrive at the Rudder Club dock, please leave free any taped off areas that are reserved for finish boat and other race operations. Larger boats should be prepared with fenders so they can raft off other boats. You are welcome to stay on your boat overnight.

If you want to bring your boat out of the water on to its trailer Saturday night, we will try to tow your boat out with one of our tractors. Follow the directions of the ramp director. You will go with a tractor driver to identify your trailer, then pull out your boat. You will not be allowed to bring in your tow vehicle unless you are packed up and are ready to leave the grounds. We do not have space on the grounds for everyone to bring in their tow vehicle. If you can leave your boat in the water until Sunday, you can bring your tow vehicle in then (and have daylight).

AND WHATEVER YOU DO – Don't miss breakfast at the Rudder Club on Sunday morning before trophies. Best regatta breakfast anywhere, ever.

Schedule of Events

Day	Time	Location	Description
Saturday April 18	3:00 – 6:00 pm	Rudder Club	First packet pickup and help with online registration
Sunday April 19	11:59 pm		Early Registration Discount ends
Thursday April 30	11:59 pm		Registration after this time have \$30 late registration penalty
Thursday April 30	6 – 10 pm	Green Cove Springs Marina	Half-Way Party (tentative, awaiting confirmation, check regattanetwork site for announcements)
Friday May 1	4:00-5:00 pm	Quality Inn Palatka	Late Packet pickup
Friday May 1	5:00 pm		REGISTRATION CLOSES
Friday May 1	7:15 pm	Riverfront Park amphitheater, Palatka	Skippers' meeting
Saturday May 2	7:55 am	St. Johns River, Palatka	Warning signal for multihulls
Saturday May 2	8:05 am	St. Johns River, Palatka	Warning signal for monohulls
Saturday May 2	6:30 pm	St Johns River, Shands Bridge	Deadline for passing the mid-course gate
Saturday May 2	8:06 pm	St. Johns River, S of Buckman	DEADLINE FOR FINISHING
Sunday May 3	8:00 am -10:00 am	Rudder Club	Best Regatta Breakfast ever!
Sunday May 3	10:30 am	Rudder Club	TROPHIES