#### WELCOME TO THE

## 66th Annual Mug Race

#### THE RUDDER CLUB of Jacksonville Florida

The Rudder Club and Palatka Yacht club welcome back Mug Race veterans and all newcomers to the 66<sup>th</sup> running of the Mug Race. Wikipedia says it is the "World's longest river race for sailboats". According to racers that start at 8am and finish around 7pm they agree with this description.

Last year I changed the starting location in Palatka. I saw an opportunity to offer all our pre-race services for mug racers at Crystal Cove Resort. Their reasonable hotel rooms, generous parking, dockage, launch ramp, a BBQ buffet dinner and entertainment all contribute to this great venue. All the festivities surround the competitors meeting on a screened in porch overlooking the St John's River. One of last year's competitors, Dave, commented: "Love Crystal Cove I'd love to sail out of there next year too if possible". Dave, the rooms are reserved, entertainment scheduled and the meals are planned for this year's starting location. I encourage everyone racing this year to experience the Friday festivities at Crystal Cove and reserve your breakfast sandwich and coffee to take to the starting line on Saturday morning. As always, at the end of the race enjoy the Rudder Club's dinner, beer tent, entertainment, and our new bar. One of the highlights of the weekend is our Sunday morning breakfast that is almost as famous as the race itself.

The Tall Ships Race has been added to the Mug Race this year. The course includes starting south of the Buckman Bridge, racing south to the Shands Bridge, and finishing at the same finish line for Palatka starters. This course is offered only to sailboats with a mast greater than 44 feet above the water. Participants do not qualify for the Mug Trophy but will race for the North Course Perpetual Trophy.

Our many thanks go out to all of the volunteers who gave up their day or weekend to help the race come off successfully. Thanks to sponsors, Palatka Yacht Club, Crystal Cove Marina, on the water support boats, and Jacksonville Sail and Power Squadron. Thanks to Bob Speakman and Green Cove Springs Marina for hosting the Half-Way Party which adds to the event to make it a great adventure as sailors travel south to the start of the Race.

This year's Mug Race Chairman, Jim Julian, has spent many hours insuring we all have a great experience at this Year's Mug Race. Jon Hamilton is heading up our race office as the Principal Race Officer this year.

Finally, our biggest thanks and appreciation goes to those sailors who continue to make this race one of North Florida's largest and most well-known sailing event. Good Luck to all on a great race and especially a fun weekend.

Sincerely,

Larry Wagner Commodore

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## 66 th Annual Mug Race Schedule of Events

Registration Party	Saturday April 20 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Rudder Club Jacksonville
Deadline to receive \$10 discount for early online registrations	Saturday April 20	Only for online registrations www.rudderclub.com
Half Way Party	Thursday May 2 6:00 pm Music 6:00 pm	Green Cove Springs Marina Green Cove Springs
Late Registration and Packet Pickup	Friday May 3 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Crystal Cove Marina
Crystal Cove Marina Buffet & Music, cash bar & entertainment	Friday May 3 4:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Crystal Cove Marina
Competitors' Meeting	Friday May 3 7:15 pm	Crystal Cove Marina, Palatka Tiki Bar
Mug Race Start of Racing	Saturday May 4 Warning for start of race 7:55 am	East of Crystal Cove Marina, Palatka
Deadline for mid-course gate	Saturday May 4 6:30 pm	Shands Bridge Green Cove Springs
Deadline for finish	Saturday May 4 8:07 pm	St. Johns River SE corner of Buckman Bridge, Jacksonville
Mug Race Party	Saturday May 4 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Rudder Club Jacksonville
Post Race Breakfast	Sunday May 5 8:00 am - 9:45 am	Rudder Club Jacksonville
Trophy Presentation	Sunday May 5 10:30 am	Rudder Club Jacksonville

## TWO STARTS! ONE STARTING LINE

#### Registration

Online registration is required. There is a \$10 discount for registering online by midnight April 21.

This discount does not apply to online registrations after April 21. Go to www.rudderclub.com and follow the Mug Race registration link to register online.

#### **Shuttle Bus Schedule**

The Shuttle Bus departs from The Rudder Club front gate to Palatka. The cost is \$12.00. Please make reservations on the registration form or order tickets online. The Rudder Club reserves the right to cancel buses with no advance registrations.

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**Friday, May 3, 2019**1st Bus: 5:30 p.m.
2nd Bus: 8:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 4, 2019**1st Bus: 5:15 a.m.
2nd Bus: 9:00 p.m.

#### **Easy Racing**

Cruisers should plan to arrive at Crystal Cove Marina by Friday evening and dock or raft-up. Small boats on trailers should arrive at Crystal Cove Marina Friday, set up their boat and return their trailer to The Rudder Club in Jacksonville. All trailers are to be kept inside the gates. All cars must be parked outside the gates. We require that all cat-tracks have your name on them. Please make sure your car is not blocking traffic or other cars. A shuttle bus is available between The Rudder Club and Palatka as per the schedule above. To avoid waiting in lines, it is recommended that you register and pick up your race packets before arriving at the marina on Friday. **Online registration only. \*NEW SERVICE\*** Saturday before the start, multihull Cat Trax will be retrieved at the Crystal Cove ramp by support people, loaded on a trailer and taken to the Rudder Club after the start.

#### Launching and Docking at Crystal Cove Marina

Parking, launching, and docking from Crystal Cove Marina is free. Raft ups are encouraged. The docks at the Quality Inn are free to guests but 3 miles south of the starting line. You are responsible for the safety of your own boat. Crystal Cove Marina, Quality, Inn, and The Rudder Club assume no responsibility for damage or theft.

#### Dockage at The Rudder Club

Racers are allowed to raft up at The Rudder Club's dock Saturday night. Please observe signs on the dock, which reserve some areas for the Race Committee. All boats should be removed on Sunday. You are responsible for the safety of your boat; The Rudder Club assumes no responsibility for damage or theft.

#### Weather

Please be prepared for any type of weather. This can be a very long race. It could rain, be cold, sunny or partly cloudy. It is in your best interest to bring clothing for all types of conditions.

#### Accommodations

There are many hotels at both ends of the race. There is camping at Crystal Cove Marina on Friday in the park.

#### On the Water Safety

Please have necessary towlines, radios, PFDs, and distress signals. Remember that the Safety Boats are instructed to tow you to the **nearest** safe port if you need assistance off the course. They cannot and will not tow you back to Palatka or the Rudder Club, unless that is the nearest Port.

#### Watching the Race by Boat

Please stay clear of all boats in the race and be aware that your wake may severely disadvantage or even capsize competitors in smaller boats. At the finish, please stay beyond either end of the finish line (which stretches between the large committee boat and the floating orange tetrahedron) and out of the path of the finishing boats. You are welcome to tie up temporarily at The Rudder Club dock on a space available basis. Overnight dockage is reserved for competitors and the Race Committee.

#### Watching the Race from Shore

This event is enjoyed by thousands of people each year. The trick is to find a spot to watch the race as it progresses. For the shore-bound, we recommend the following:

**Palatka:** Watch the boats start from the Crystal Cove Marina.

Green Cove Springs: Watch from the Hwy 16 Bridge or the fishing pier on the West Side of the river, north of

the bridge. From Palatka, take US 17 North, right on US 16, left at the first paved road after you pass Moody's Construction on the left (after US 16 narrows to two lanes).

**Rudder Club:** Watch the finishers come in and enjoy the festivities, but stay clear of the boat ramp.

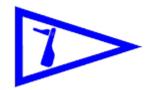
Parking is not allowed on The Rudder Club grounds. Parking will be marked and you can walk to the club grounds. Please be considerate of our neighbors. From Palatka, take US 17 North. After going under the I-295 overpass, the second traffic signal is

Collins Road. Turn right on Collins Road and follow it to the river.

#### Trophy Presentation at The Rudder Club, Sunday, May 5, 2019

Award ceremony begins at 10:30 am Trophies will be awarded as follows:

The Mug Cup	. First boat to finish on uncorrected time
Commodore's Trophy	. First Rudder Club boat to finish
Palatka Chamber of Commerce Trophy	. First multihull cruiser to finish
Sullivan E. Howard Trophy	. First Dinghy (non cruising class monohull) to finish
Archie Markland Trophy	. First monohull cruiser to finish
Bobbie Lee Johnson Trophy	. First all female crewed boat to finish
Youngest Sailor Trophy	. First boat to finish with skipper and all crew under the age of 19
Colin MacKenzie Memorial Trophy	. First Putnam County resident to finish
Corinthian Trophy	. Last boat to finish on uncorrected time
Sportsman's Trophy	Best sportsman, exemplary race behavior (please inform race committee of any examples of Sportsmanship that you witness)
Class Trophies	. Over 80 class trophies to be awarded



#### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### The 66th Mug Race

Organizing Authority - The Rudder Club of Jacksonville 8533 Malaga Ave. Jacksonville, FL 32244 USA 3 May - 5 May 2019

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Rule SI 10.8 changes RRS A4 by providing that a boat starting later than 30 minutes after the starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS) without a hearing.
- 1.3 Rule SI 10.6 changes RRS rules 29.1 and 30.1by providing an alternative to restarting when OCS.
- 1.4 Rule SI 12 Time Limit changes RRS 90.3(a)
- 1.5 Rule SI 13 changes RRS 60 Protests and Requests for Redress by providing for arbitration as set forth in Appendix T Arbitration.
- 1.6 Rule SI 15.15 changes RRS 41 by providing that a boat accepting assistance under RRS Fundamental Rule 1.1 is exempt from the provisions of RRS 41, Outside Help.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be placed on the official web site <a href="http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15778">http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15778</a> and the notice board located on the wall of the Tiki Bar adjacent to the Crystal Cove Marina Restaurant, Palatka.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Web site Bulletin Board, and the Official Mug Race Bulletin Board on the north exterior wall of the Rudder Club. At 2:00 pm on 3 May the Official Bulletin Board shifts to the wall of the Tiki Bar adjacent to the Crystal Cove Marina Restaurant. Changes will be posted there prior to 6:30 am on 4 May.

#### 4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 There will be one race.
- 4.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the Multihull Fleet is 7:55 am on 4 May 2019. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the Monohull Fleet is 8:05 am on 4 May 2019.
- 4.3 Time will be based on the National Institute of Standards and Technology time as broadcast by radio station WWV in Fort Collins Colorado. These may be accessed by telephone at 303-499-7111, by Internet at <a href="http://time.gov/widget.html">http://time.gov/widget.html</a> or by radio. The station radiates at 10,000 Watts on 5, 10, and 15 MHz; and 2500 Watts on 2.5 and 20 MHz

#### 5 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag for all competitors will be as follows:

Class		Pennant
Multihull Fleet	P1	
Monohull Fleet	P2	

#### 6 RACING AREA

The racing area is between the Memorial (US 17) Bridge in Palatka and the Buckman Bridge as depicted on NOAA charts 11487 and 11492 .See attachment A

#### 7 COURSE

- 7.1 The course is as depicted in Appendix A to this document.
- 7.2 From the Start Line sail north along the river through the mid-course gate located just south of the Shands Bridge at approximate position N29° 58.9' W81° 37.4' then to finish line located on the east side of river approximately 1/4 mile south of The Buckman Bridge. Approximate position of the finish line is N30° 11.1' W81° 39.7'.

**Note:** All positions are approximate. Rhumb lines between marks do not necessarily provide for safe navigation. Each boat is responsible for its own safe navigation.

#### 8 MARKS

The mid-course gate will have a race committee signal boat at the eastern end of the line and an inflated yellow cylinder at the western end.

#### 9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

All government navigation markers marking shoal areas and the shoal areas they mark are considered continuing obstructions for boats whose draft requires passing the marks on the channel side. This is not to restrict shoal draft boats from passing shoreward of the marker.

#### 10 THE START

- 10.1 The Multihull Fleet warning signal will be at 7:55 am on 4 May. Rule 26 will be in effect, with Code Flag India used as the Preparatory Signal.
- 10.2 The Monohull Fleet warning signal will be at 8:05 am on 4 May. Rule 26 will be in effect, with Code Flag India used as the Preparatory Signal
- 10.3 Starting flags and sound signals will be displayed from the committee boat at the east end of the starting line. An orange cylinder will mark the west end of the starting line.
- 10.4 An automated signal device (Ollie) will be used; its signals will be broadcast on Marine VHF Channel 78. The broadcast and any repeated signals are as an assist.
- 10.5 The site for the start is approximately 0.8nm NE of the Crystal Cove Marina, Palatka, Florida. A boat is "racing" from four minutes prior to its start time.
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  10.6 The "I" flag rule (RRS 30.1) will be in effect except that RRS30.1 is modified as follows. Any boat that is on the

course side and within five of her boat lengths of the starting line or its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal may accept a five minute penalty applied to her elapsed time, in lieu of restarting. If she chooses not to accept the alternative penalty or is greater than five of her boat lengths from the starting line on the course side, she shall comply with RRS 30.1. This changes RRS 29.1 and 30.1

- 10.7 Boats should ensure that Mug numbers are clearly displayed to the Committee Boat.
- 10.8 A boat starting later than 30 minutes after the starting signal will be scored did not start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4

#### 11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be between a staff bearing an Orange Flag on the Signal Boat and an inflated cylinder to its west marking the other end of the line. The site for the finish will be south of the Buckman Bridge on the East side of the channel approximately N30° 11.1' W081° 39.7'. When finishing, ensure that the boat's Mug Number is clearly visible to those on the Finish Boat.
- 11.2 The finish line is closed except for boats actually finishing. If you do not hear a horn sounded as you finish, come by the Signal Boat on the non-line side and ensure that they were able to see your number.

#### 11.3 Mid-course Gate.

- (a) A mandatory mid-course gate will be set in accordance with SI 7.2. The Race Committee will record the time of all entries passing this line. Times for entrants passing this line will be used to compute class prizes when no entrant of that class finishes within the time limit, even if the entrant is later forced to retire in accordance with SI 12. These times will not be used in the scoring of overall finish positions unless this line is used as a shorten course finish line in accordance with RRS 32.2(c).
- (b) The mid-course gate will be between an orange flag displayed on the Mid Course Signal Boat and an inflated yellow cylinder to her west.
- (c) All boats passing the mid-course gate must display their Mug Number to the Mid-Course Signal Boat.

#### 12 TIME LIMIT

Racing ends at 8:07 pm. Boats finishing after that time will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). Yachts south of the mid-course gate after 6:30 pm are required to retire from the race and will be scored as DNF. This changes RRS 90.3(a).

#### 13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests must be filed at the Rudder Club Race Office. No protest will be accepted after one and one half hours past the race time limit. If you intend to protest, notify the Finish Signal Boat after you have finished and cleared the finish line. Protest hearings will be scheduled as soon as possible and posted on the official notice board at the Rudder Club. Appendix T, **Arbitration** is in effect for this race. Competitors are encouraged to review this rule. Appendix T is a US Sailing Prescription. This changes RRS 60.

#### 14 SCORING

The scoring system is Portsmouth North American Yardstick. Ratings will not be wind speed adjusted (D-PN)

#### 15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 All boats must sail past the Signal Boat on its nonstarting side and check-in prior to starting. Before 7:50 am, boats should pass the signal boat so that their Mug Number is clearly visible to those on the boat and acknowledged.
- 15.2 Rudder Club race support boats will patrol the race course to render assistance in the event of an emergency. Any of the support team members may assist you and you will not be charged or need to worry about vessel salvage rules. It is their commitment to the race to assist boats in danger and to help the boat reach the designated ramp area assigned the sector in which they are sailing. Support boats will emergency tow a boat from danger and only to these designated points. Support boats may display a red and yellow checkered flag to signify their role as support boats. If approached by a support boat, boat shall display their Mug Number placard.
- 15.3 All skippers must notify the Race Committee if they retire from the race. This is a United States Coast Guard Requirement. Violators may be required to pay the cost of any search initiated as a result of their failure to comply with this requirement. The following means are available:
  - (a) Rudder Club telephone (904) 264-4094;
  - (b) VHF Channel 78 through any Rudder Club Support Boat.
  - (c) Email to raceoffice@rudderclub.com
  - (d) Voice or SMS (text) message to 352-745-5682.
- 15.4 All boats while racing will display a colored banner from their backstay, starboard shroud or sail plan in that order of preference. This banner shall be removed when the boat is no longer racing. The banners will be provided in the race packet.
- 15.5 All entrants sailing single-handed shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejacket while racing. A violation of this requirement is protestable.
- 15.6 After sunset at 8:07 pm, boats still on the race course or in its vicinity must display running lights and proceed in accordance with the Inland Navigation Rules.
- 15.7 All participants are reminded that a vessel under sail may not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. Tugs pushing barges ahead are frequently encountered in the racing area and fit this category and should not be impeded. They must be given ample sea room.
- 15.8 In accordance with RRS 42.3(i), when necessary to avoid impeding the passage of vessel whose passage is not to be impeded under the Inland Rules of Navigation, a boat may use its engine or any other means of propulsion provided it does not gain a significant advantage in the race.
- 15.9 Likewise in accordance with RRS 42.3(i) a boat may use any other means of self-propulsion provided it does not gain a significant advantage in the race in order to transit under the Shands Bridge. The area where this is

- permissible is from north of the mid-course gate to two boat lengths north of the Shands Bridge.
- 15.10 The Racing Rules of Sailing govern the relationship between yachts while racing. These rules do not apply between racing yachts and non-participating vessels or yachts after completing the race and departing the race area. After sunset at 8:07 pm, all boats are in a non-racing status. In above cases, the Inland Navigation Rules apply.
- 15.11 Participating boats are encouraged to carry on board day and night distress signals. The simple orange rectangle displaying a black ball and circle is suitable for day while flares or star shells are best for night. Signals are required for operating after sunset.
- 15.12 All boats are to have on board a tow line to be used if the vessel requires towing to the nearest shoreline for the boats safe removal from the river. Vessels offering an emergency tow are not required to provide a tow line.
- 15.13 It is the person in charge's (skipper's) responsibility for the logistics, safety and sportsmanship of his crew and boat.
- 15.14 Each boat will be provided a large number on a placard. This number will be used to record mid-course and finish time and to identify the boat at any time during the race. The boat shall conspicuously display it to the check-in, finish and mid-course line boats as well as to any race support boat that approaches them. It is the boat's responsibility to ensure that the number has been seen by the race support boats in each instance.
- 15.15 A boat accepting assistance under RRS Fundamental Rule 1.1 is exempt from the provisions of RRS 41, Outside Help. This changes RRS 41.
- 15.16All DSC equipped boats are encouraged to have a Mobile Marine Service Identity Number (MMSI) and have a working GPS connected to their VHF DSC equipped Radio. See <a href="http://www.boatus.com/MMSI/">http://www.boatus.com/MMSI/</a>.
- 15.17 All boats are recommended to have a VHF radio or mobile telephone on board in case of emergency.
- 15.18 All windsurfers, non-race ready sailing canoes (does not include International racing and other race ready canoes), and small, open, non-self-rescue 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 or 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 vessel checks in at the starting line and finishes or the entrant will be scored DNS. The cell phone number and/or the boats call sign shall be recorded on the registration form.
- 15.19 The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
  Commission provides information on all ramps in
  Florida on its web site at
  <a href="https://public.myfwc.com/LE/boatramp/public/default.as">https://public.myfwc.com/LE/boatramp/public/default.as</a>
  <a href="px">px</a>.

#### 16 PRIZES

16.1 Trophies will be awarded at the awards ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday 5 May 2019 at The Rudder Club.

There is a single start line. Multihulls have a 7:55 am warning signal and an 8:00 am start. Monohullshave an 8:05 warning signal and an 8:10 start. The start line for both groups will be between the Race Committee boat at the starboard (east) end and an orange cylinder at the port (west) end.

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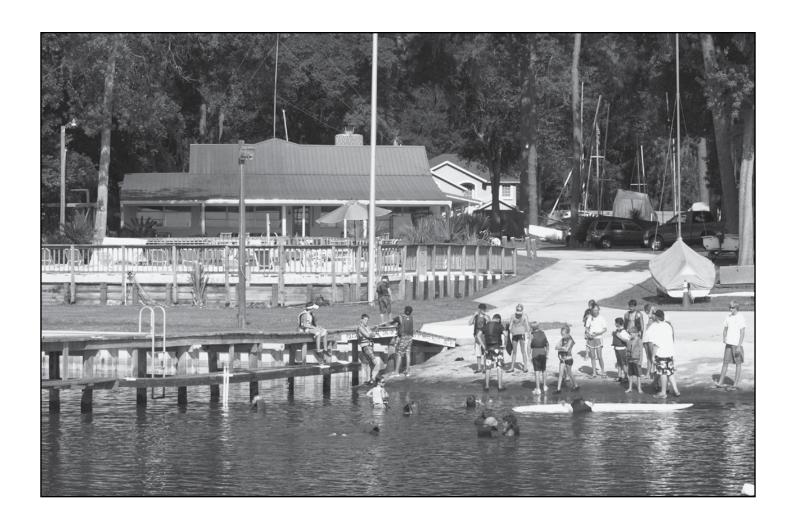
Summer Series races every 2nd and 4th Saturday of June, July, and August at 3:00 p.m.
All boats are welcome.

August 17	Moonlight Regatta
Aug. 31 / Sept. 1	Labor Day One Design Racing
September 8	Labor Day PHRF Racing
September 14	Fall One Design Series #1
September 28	Fall One Design Series #2
October 5	Fall One Design Series #3
October 19	Fall One Design Series #4
November 2	Fall One Design Series #5
November 9	WOW Regatta
November 16	Fall One Design Series #6
December 7, 8	Gator Bowl Regatta One Design

More information at www.rudderclub.com

Gator Bowl Regatta PHRF

December 14





#### **Crystal Cove Resort**

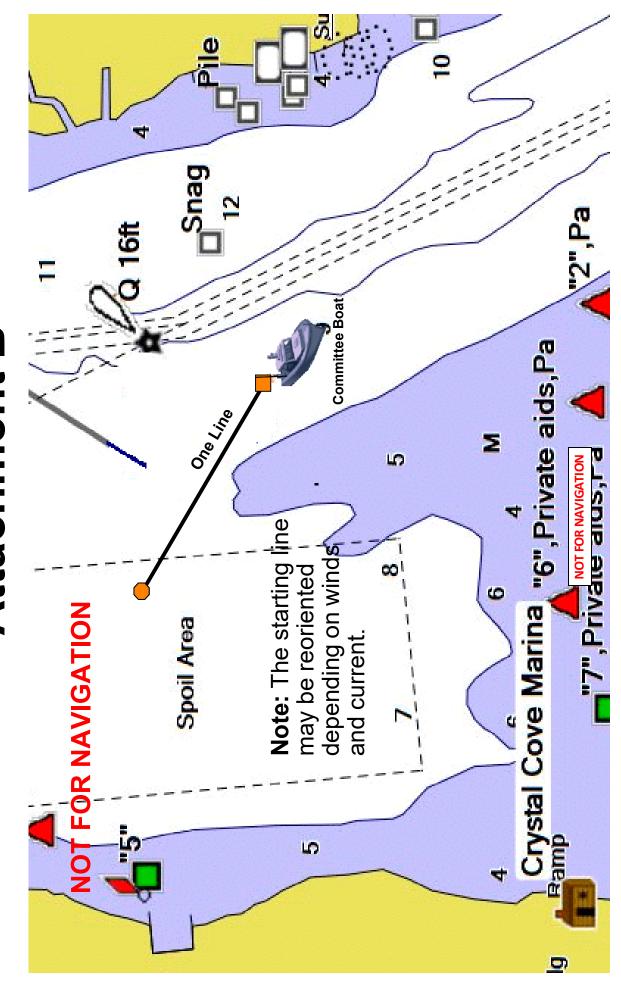
133 Crystal Cove Dr., Palatka. Sailors can dock, dine, sleep and launch at the same location.

Crystal Cove Resort reservations: (386) 325-1055



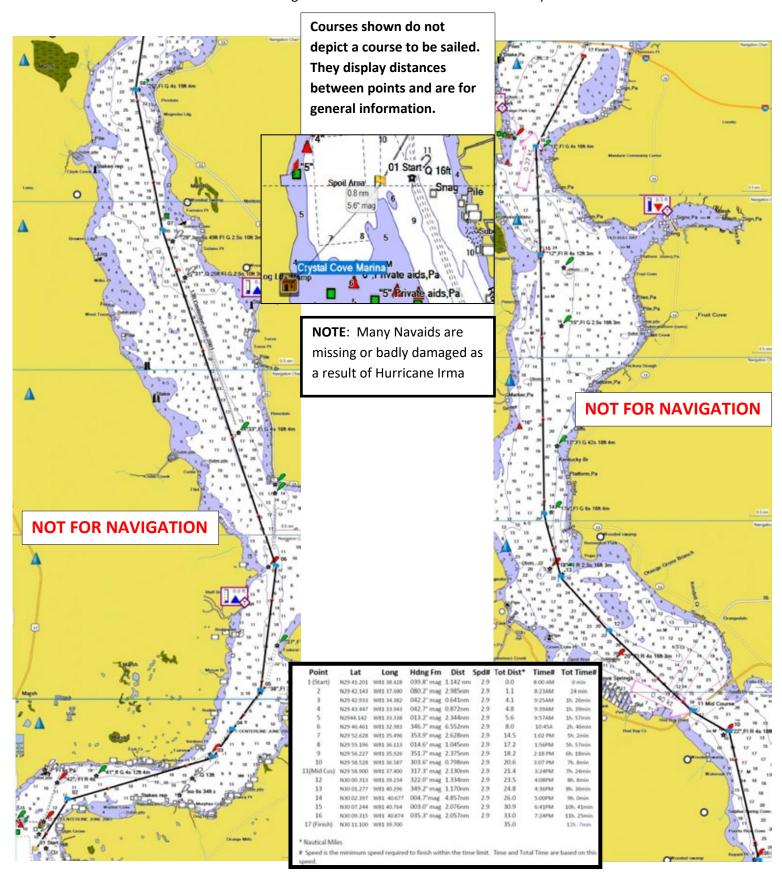


# **MUG RACE STARTING AREA** Attachment B



#### Mug Race 2019 Course Diagram (Sailing Instructions Appendix A)

Caution - Chart is not for navigation. Direction of Travel - Bottom to top - Left side first



Since 1946, members of the Rudder Club have been boating on the St. Johns River! Come join us!

Perhaps the best kept secret in Jacksonville, Florida, can be found tucked away under a canopy of giant oak trees along the west bank of the St. Johns River.

The Rudder Club's diverse membership and social programs can meet virtually any sailing need.



Club memberships are available for seasoned sailors or families wanting to spend time on the water. Both wet and dry slips available at very low

rates to members. Sail boat rentals for club members start at only \$10 a day.

Completely refurbished kitchen and new, larger bar. The Pool has been

re-done and will be open in time for the summer season. Enjoy many barbeques, dinners and social events.



**Racing:** We have active racing fleets. Check website for many club racing events.



<u>The Adult Sailing classes</u>: Adult classes are designed to introduce beginners to the art of sailing. By the end of the class, students will be able to operate a small boat in inland waters in light to medium wind and water conditions. The emphasis is on practical sailing skills.

#### **Junior Sailing Program:**

Supervised sailing and instruction are held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for two Sundays of each month during the spring and fall seasons. Young sailors are taught basic sailing skills and learn to sail aboard the club's Optimist prams, Picos, Lasers, or Hobe 14's. As experience increases they will have the opportunity learn racing skills and participate in local junior regattas.

<u>Summer Camp</u>: The Dick Allsopp Summer Sailing Camp was founded 18 years ago in memory of Joel Shannon, a local sailor with an interest in seeing young people involved in the sport of sailing. We aim to introduce children aged 8 to 15 to basic small boat sailing, safety and sportsmanship. The program recently saw a name change to honor the late Dick Allsopp in recognition of his love of sailing and the Rudder Club.

The Rudder Club's beautiful river-view clubhouse is available to rent to both members and non-members!

Club rental is available for private events. Amenities include:

- use of our 1000-square foot trophy room, suitable for dining, dancing or meeting;
- use of our banquet furniture: 8 large round tables, 6 rectangular tables, and 70 folding chairs,
- full kitchen,
- full bar service,
- seating capacity in the trophy room of approximately 80, with additional capacity in the bar or on the lawn.

Membership is only \$250 and monthly dues are nominal. Young adults and junior initiation fees start at \$25. Sail boat rentals for club members start at only \$10 a day. Visit our website at www.RudderClub.com or call our office manager, Cheryl Feeney, at 904-264-4094

office@rudderclub.com



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Sea you on the water!



The objectives of the Palatka Yacht Club (PYC) are to promote good fellowship and cooperation among its members, the sport of yachting, safety afloat, and techniques of good seamanship.

PYC was incorporated in 1976 filling a gap during which no yacht club existed in Palatka after the St. Johns Yacht Club ceased operation. The St. Johns Yacht Club, legally incorporated in the 1950s, was the originator of the first Mug Race.

PYC boats have participated in Mug Races. Club members provide support for the Mug Race by assisting the race committee at the start of the race and by providing support boats for the racers. PYC sponsors the Gene O'Connor Commemorative Trophy to the first PYC member to finish the race. Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Colin Mackenzie, Palatka Yacht Club members, were participants in the first Mug Race.

After many years of not having a large enough membership to afford a clubhouse, the PYC dream of owning their home was achieved in 2004. The club acquired a large hull originally destined to become a floating entertainment vessel. Built in the style of an 1800s riverboat, the clubhouse, complete with wheelhouse and towering stacks, was ready for its members in 2005.

Our first mooring location was at Browns Landing, about 11 miles south of Palatka on the St. Johns River. Our second location was Crystal Cove Resort, north of the City of Palatka on the beautiful St. Johns River. Hurricane Matthew caused damaged to Crystal Cove marina, the only marina that could accommodate the clubhouse. Therefore, the clubhouse is for sale.

Activities of club members have covered everything from regular monthly gatherings to weekend boating rendezvous, including canoe trips. On the great St. Johns River, we enjoy all forms of boating.

The commodore and the entire membership welcome visitors to join them at our monthly gatherings or boating trips. For more information

on PYC, visit http://palatkayachtclub.org or call us at 386-610-207-0971.

### Welcome to Palatka

When you come to Palatka on Friday, think about coming early and visiting Ravine Gardens State Park, the St. Johns River Center (across from the clock tower on the riverfront), and/or the Bronson Mulholland House. If you have time, Palatka operates a ferry boat on the St Johns River to explore the beautiful sites upstream of Palatka; contact Boat House Marina to make arrangements (that is Skip Lagasse). The Tillgman House and Larimer Arts Center are geared to the arts.

Also, consider a return trip to Palatka and Putnam County. We have lots of blueways and trails to explore, including stops that William Bartram visited. Take a nice journey through Dunns Creek into lovely Crescent Lake and the restaurant 3 Bananas. Or, consider boating upstream (south) to Renegades for lunch and on to Georgetown Marina at the north end of Lake George. It is a great place to leave from to visit Silver Glen Springs and/or Salt Springs. Memorial Day weekend is our annual Blue Crab Festival.

#### SHOPPING IN PALATKA:

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#### **Brief History of Palatka**

Palatka was established as a trading post in 1821 and is today the county seat of Putnam County, Florida. The name comes from the Timucuan Indian word Pilotakata, meaning "crossing." The original settlement was burned during the Semionole War of 1836. In 1838, the US government constructed Fort Shannon, which served as a garrison, supply depot, and hospital for the forts in the area.

During the American Civil War, Federal troops occupied the city. During the postwar period, riverboats plied the St Johns River to points south and Palatka became the gateway to the interior of Florida.

Palatka became known as the "Gem of the St Johns" and boasted several world-class hotels that included the Arlington, Saratoga, La Fayette, and the Putnam House, with accommodations to host 6,000 visitors. Palatka prospered in the late 1800s as an enormous resource for timber and citrus and had a reputation for natural beauty that attracted many visitors.

A devastating fire in downtown Palatka in 1884 destroyed many of the grand hotels and deep freezes in 1894 and 1895 devastated the area's citrus industry, causing a decline in the area's visitation and industry.

Today, Palatka has a large downtown business district, a beautiful waterfront park, and many historic and cultural sites. Palatka also hosts many wonderful festivals and events. For more information, visit the Putnam County Historical Society.

#### Welcome to Ravine Gardens State Park

Ravine Gardens State Park is one of the nine New Deal-era state parks in Florida. The park has two ravines up to 120 feet deep with steep banks at 45 degree angles. Unlike common gullies, trenches or sinkholes caused by temporary flooding, the steephead ravines are a permanent feature with a spring-fed creek that never dries up, called Whitewater Branch. The underground water bubbling up cuts into the bank and carries the sand and soil downstream to the St. Johns River. Over thousands of years the ravines have widened and deepened to what you see today. In 1933, the ravines were transformed into a dramatic garden by the federal Works Progress Administration. Some of the original landscaping still exists as formal gardens and a unique system of trails. A 1.8-mile paved road winds around the ravines, offering visitors dramatic views.

Numerous picnic sites, equipped with tables and grills, are available to visitors. Contact the park office at (386) 329-3721

Physical Address: 1600 Twigg Street Palatka, Florida 32177



The St. Johns River Wetlands Center is a joint effort between the City of Palatka, Fla., and Georgia-Pacific's Palatka Pulp and Paper Operations. The center will focus on the wetlands areas associated with the St. Johns River system.

The center will serve as an educational resource regarding the ecological significance of wetlands, the conservation and sustainability of these areas and the need for a balanced approach to usage among all communities.

The purpose of the center is to:

- celebrate the unique and varied ecosystems of the St. Johns River and its related wetlands areas;
- educate the general public, especially students, about the physical characteristics and ecology of the St. Johns River wetlands areas;
- interpret the natural contribution of these wetlands areas to ecological diversity in terms of the St. Johns River system's flora, fauna, lakes, rivers and streams;
- relate the connection between the river system and its wetlands to the development of the unique history, culture, recreation, commerce and industry of our people.
- curricula for the center, to be contracted by Georgia-Pacific, will be based on current, peer reviewed science, presented from a point of view which balances environmental protection with private property rights and the needs for commercial, industrial and other economic development.

Located on the corner of Memorial Drive and St. Johns Avenue in Palatka, the center will serve as a prominent location for promoting study of area wetlands by visitors, tourists, academics and others interested in our natural environment. Call: 386-3262704

#### **Bronson-Mulholland House**

The Bronson-Mulholland House is a stunningly furnished antebellum home sitting on acres of greenspace overhung with live oaks and magnolias. Owned by the City of Palatka, it is available for touring Thursday-Monday as well as rental for weddings and other events. Also known as the Judge Isaac H. Bronson House and as Sunny Point, it is an historic site located at 100 Madison Street, in Palatka, Florida. Sunny Point was built in 1854. On December 27, 1972, it was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. The Bronson-Mulholland House site of the annual "Occupation of Palatka 1864: Civil War Living History Event" the last Friday and Saturday in September. Every year, Civil War re-enactors gather on the green in front of the house to recreate the Union Occupation of Palatka in 1864. The event includes firing and cannon demonstrations, military drills, camp life with soldiers, and Civil War Era kids games. Open to the public! Call 386-329-0140.

#### The Jacksonville Sail and Power Squadron

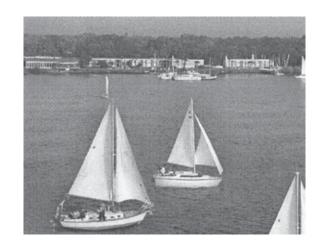
The Jacksonville Sail and Power Squadron was chartered in May 1950 as a local unit of the United States Power Squadrons. It is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to boater safety through education, civic service and boating fellowship. The Squadron offers a series of boating courses throughout the year, supports and participates in a number of civic events and conducts various cruises, rendezvous and related recreational events. Please see our web page at http://www.usps.org/localusps/jackson/ or email craycoj@msn.com for more information.





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