

NOTICE OF RACE
The 61st Mug Race
The Rudder Club of Jacksonville
Jacksonville, Florida, USA
2 May - 4 May 2014

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.
- 1.2 SI 10.1 alters RRS 26 to provide a pursuit start as described in the *US SAILING Race Management Handbook* (2009 - 2013), Portsmouth Method, page 303.
- 1.3 SI 10.3 changes RRS 90.3.

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 Boats whose configuration does not conform to the configuration prescribed by the class rules for that boat shall indicate this on their race registration in writing to the Race Committee.
- 3.2 Boats will be grouped into Mug Race specific classes hereinafter referred to as a "Class."
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 Entrants will be divided into the following classes
 - (a) Monohulls (Boats included in the Portsmouth Yardstick Centerboard and Keelboat categories and similar non-listed boats.)
 - (1) Spinnaker
 - (2) Non-Spinnaker
 - (b) Cruisers (Boats included in the Portsmouth Yardstick Offshore Classes and similar boats.)
 - (1) Spinnaker
 - (2) Non-Spinnaker
 - (c) Multihulls (Boats included in the Portsmouth Yardstick Multihull category and similar non-listed boats.)
 - (1) Multihull
 - (i) Spinnaker
 - (ii) Non-Spinnaker
 - (2) Multihull Cruiser (must be greater than 20', have overnight accommodations, self-bailing cockpit and proper safety gear).
 - (i) Spinnaker
 - (ii) Non-Spinnaker

NOTE: The Portsmouth Yardstick may be viewed at http://offshore.ussailing.org/Portsmouth_Yardstick/Current_Tables.htm

- (d) Sailboards
 - (1) Greater than 7.5 square meters (Women)
 - (2) Greater than 7.5 square (Men)
 - (3) 7.5 square meters and less (Women)
 - (4) 7.5 square meters and less (Men)
- 3.5 A minimum of five registered boats is necessary to constitute a class for race and trophy purposes.
- 3.6 Registration
 - (a) Preferred - The preferred method of registration for eligible boats is on-line with the US SAILING Regatta Network; either at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_for_m.php?regatta_id=7939; or through the event web page at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/7939>. Boats registering on-line will receive a \$20.00 on-line registration discount if they register before 2400 27 April 2014. Boats may confirm that their registration has been recorded by selecting the participant lists available on the Rudder Club Web Site or 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 Dick Allsopp at 904-278-0329 or raceoffice@rudderclub.com. Smart phone and tablet users may view Mug Race data formatted for mobile phones on: http://www.regattanetwork.com/mobile/mobile_event_detail.php?regatta_id=7939.
 - (b) Hand-Written-Registrations - Boats may register by mail or in person at the Rudder Club Office by submitting a completed registration form available on line at www.rudderclub.com or the registration form in the Mug Race brochure. Payment must be included. For mail-in registrations, mail to:

The Rudder Club of Jacksonville Inc.
8533 Malaga Avenue
Jacksonville, Fl. 32244.
- (c) Mail-in registration shall be postmarked no later than April 19, 2014. Mail in registrations will not be eligible for the advance registration discount. Registrations hand delivered to the Rudder Club Office will not be accepted after 24 April 2014.
- (d) Boats not registering in advance or registering by mail may register as in 5.1 and 5.2 as applicable.

- 3.7 All windsurfer and sailing 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 or canoe checks in at the starting line, the mid-course gate and finishes 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 with discount – On or before 4/27 - \$80.00. Registration at the Registration Party will be on-line and receive this discount.
- 4.2 Registration Fee – Mail-in or in-person delivery anytime, or on-line after 4/27 - \$ 100.00.
- 4.3 Rudder Club, Rat Island Yacht Club, and Palatka Yacht Club Member Discount: \$ 5.00.
- 4.4 US Sailing Discount \$ 5.00 Note: To be eligible for the US SAILING discount members must be a current member of US SAILING. On-line registration will check this automatically. Mail-in registrants must provide their US SAILING membership number on the registration form and enclose a copy of US SAILING membership card. Late registrants must present a current US SAILING membership card at the time of late registration.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Registration Party
- (a) The party will be held at The Rudder Club of Jacksonville Saturday, April 19, 2014 at 1500 (3:00 p.m.) – 1800(6:00 p.m.). Computers will be available and assistance will be provided to register on line. Packets for those already registered or those registering at the party will be available for pick up.
- 5.2 Late registration and Race Packet Pick Up, Quality Inn, Palatka, Friday 2 May, 2014 1600 (4:00p.m.) - 1800(6:00p.m.).
- 5.3 Competitors Meeting Friday 2 May 2014 1915 (7:15 p.m.)
- 5.4 The Mug Race Saturday 3 May 2014.
The five minute warning signal for start of the sequence of Reverse Handicap times is at 0725. At 0730 the International Code Flag G will be raised to signal the start of pursuit handicap times for the fleet. A signal will be sounded to call attention to the raising of this flag. Boats are to cross starting

line at or after assigned times. 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 Web Site at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/7939> , Rudder Club Web Site at www.rudderclub.com , available at the Registration Party and posted on the Official Bulletin Board. The Official Bulletin Board will be on the North Wall of the Rudder Club until 1400 on 2 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 conducted using the Portsmouth Method Pursuit Start System as described in the US SAILING Race Management Handbook (2009 - 2013) page 302. Each entrant is assigned a starting time based upon The Rudder Club Handicap System (RCHS), a time on distance handicap system. Entrants will be scored by position when they finish as in fleet racing i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc. This changes RRS26.
- 10.2 Handicaps under the RCHS will be computed as follows:
- (a) For boats with a Portsmouth rating, RCHS Handicaps will be based on the US SAILING formula for conversion of Portsmouth to PHRF (RCHS = (DPN x 6) - 330. For US Portsmouth ratings see Portsmouth Yardstick at http://offshore.ussailing.org/Portsmouth_Yardstick/Current_Tables.htm
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.
- (b) For boats with no Portsmouth Handicap, an RCHS rating will be assigned by the Rudder Club Handicapper based on similarly configured boats and/or an existing time on distance rating.
- (c) 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**.

- (d) Boats belonging to a class rated in the North American Portsmouth Offshore Category will be assigned to the RCHS Cruiser Spinnaker or Non-spinnaker class as appropriate.
- (e) If five or more boats are entered in a one design class as defined by class rules or a RCHS handicap class (boats within a range of RCHS ratings) they will be scored as a class as well as for an overall position.

10.3 Boats finishing after sunset 2005 (8:05 P.M.) on 3 May will be scored DNF as per direction of the US Coast Guard. Boats crossing the mid-point gate after 1930 (7:30P.M.) on 3 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 78A (US). 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/instruct.htm> .

12 PRIZES

Prizes are as described in the *Trophy Section* of Mug Race brochure.

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 distance race. Trailers, vehicles and crew distribution between the two points of the race shall be arranged before setting sail in the race.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the:

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www.rudderclub.com

Email – raceoffice@rudderclub.com (904)302-7192
office@rudderclub.com (904) 264-4094

NOTE: The below 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 contained in NOR article 3.6(a).

