

62nd Annual Mug Race

Schedule of Events

Registration Party	Saturday April 18 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Rudder Club Jacksonville
Deadline to receive \$20 discount for early online registrations	Saturday April 18	Only for online registrations www.rudderclub.com
Half Way Party	Thursday April 30 6:00 pm - ???? Music 6:00 pm - ????	Green Cove Springs Marina Green Cove Springs
Late Registration and Packet Pickup	Friday May 1 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Quality Inn Palatka
Soda, Beer and Wine Tent	Friday May 1 4:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Riverfront Amphitheatre Sponsored by Palatka Yacht Club
Skippers' Meeting	Friday May 1 7:15 pm	Riverfront Amphitheatre Palatka
Mug Race Start of Racing	Saturday May 2 Warning for start of sequence 7:25 am	St. Johns River north of US 17 Bridge, Palatka
Deadline for mid-course gate	Saturday May 2 7:30 pm	Shands Bridge Green Cove Springs
Deadline for finish	Saturday May 2 8:05 pm	St. Johns River SE corner of Buckman Bridge, Jacksonville
Mug Race Party	Saturday May 2 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Rudder Club Jacksonville
Post Race Breakfast	Sunday May 3 8:00 am - 9:45 am	Rudder Club Jacksonville
Trophy Presentation	Sunday May 3 10:30 am	Rudder Club Jacksonville

For a complete list of events at Palatka on Friday night, see the page "Welcome to Palatka" later in this brochure.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Pursuit Start

For the Mug Race, each boat receives a handicap at the start of the race. Your start time will be based on your boat's potential speed. Slower boats will be given, in essence, a head start. Below is an example of a starting sheet with start times for several boat types. All boats will be handicapped using the Rudder Club's time on distance formula. Portsmouth rated boats will be converted to this rating system using the same formula used by US Sailing to convert Portsmouth rated boats to a time on distance rating. Unless you tell us differently, we will assume your boat conforms to standard class configurations. Therefore, please ensure that any variations from standard class configuration are noted on the registration supplement.

Our intention is for every boat to have a shot at winning the coveted Mug Trophy for the first boat across the line.

Sample Pursuit Handicap Start (Samples – not accurate)

Start Time am	Boat
7:43:47	Sunfish
7:51:10	San Juan 21
8:04:39	Morgan 24
8:16:35	Flying Scot
8:41:13	Morgan 27
9:08:56	Hobie 16
9:28:11	Hobie 18
9:31:16	Hobie 33
9:48:12	Prindle 19
9:55:31	Prindle 19 with spin
9:59:45	Nacra 6.0
10:00:55	Hobie 20 with spin
10:06:41	Nacra 6.0 with spin
10:35:11	RC 27

Registration

Online registration is greatly encouraged. There is a \$20 discount for registering online by midnight April 18. This discount does not apply to any mail-in or hand-delivered registration, or to online registrations after April 18. Go to www.rudderclub.com and follow the Mug Race registration link to register online.

Shuttle Bus Schedule

The Shuttle Bus departs from The Quality Inn, on the waterfront in Palatka, and The Rudder Club's front gate. The cost is \$10.00. Please make reservations on the registration form or order tickets online. The Rudder Club reserves the right to cancel buses with no advance registrations.

	<u>From Rudder Club to Palatka</u>	<u>From Quality Inn to Rudder Club</u>
Friday, May 1, 2015	1st Bus: 5:30 p.m. 2nd Bus: 8:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 2, 2015	1st Bus: 5:45 a.m. 2nd Bus: 9:00 p.m.	

Easy Racing

Cruisers should plan to arrive in Palatka by Friday evening and dock or raft-up. Small boats on trailers should arrive in Palatka 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 recommend 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 in Palatka on Friday. **Online registration is preferred.**

Launching and Docking in Palatka

The City Dock ramp has no fee for race participants. Free dockage is available at Palatka City Docks and the Quality Inn, Palatka for individuals staying at the Inn. Raft ups are encouraged. You are responsible for the safety of your own boat. The City of Palatka, The 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 in Palatka 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 Quality Inn or the U.S. 17 Bridge.
- 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.

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Trophy Presentation at The Rudder Club, Sunday, May 3, 2015

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

The Mug Cup	First boat to finish
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
Sportsman's Trophy	Best sportsman, exemplary race behavior (please inform race committee of any examples of Sportsmanship that you witness)
Division Trophies	Over 80 division trophies to be awarded



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