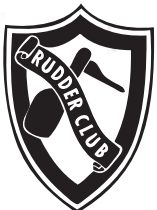


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Happy Anniversary to the Rudder Club!!! The Rudder Club celebrates their 70th Anniversary this year. Chartered in 1946 the sailing fun and fellowship has continued for 70 years! To celebrate this milestone 70th Anniversary the start of the 63rd Mug Race will go back to the original mass start format. Please plan to be part of the fantastic photo opportunity at the start of the race this year Please join us at the 63rd Mug Race to help celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Rudder Club.

Each Mug Race is a unique event; each one leaves lasting memories of competition and fellowship with family and friends. It is an event that requires considerable planning, preparation, and execution by competitors, volunteers and the Race Committee. The Mug Race has continued to evolve for over six decades. Please enjoy the continued improvements that we have made this year. I invite you to be a part of this event as a competitor or volunteer so you too can make new and lasting memories and friendships.

The Flag Officers, Board of Governors, Chairpersons, and volunteers help make the many activities and maintenance of the Rudder Club facility and fleets go smoothly. The Mug Race is our largest event of the year and we are most fortunate that Jim Julian brings his experience and passion of sailing to Chair this event. We are also fortunate to have the legendary Dick Allsopp as RO. Please give them and all of the volunteers your full support, cooperation, and thanks.

We would like to thank the City of Palatka for their continued support of the Mug Race. They have once again been essential in making the park available for Mug Race activities. Please enjoy the community, local businesses, and the events planned for participants.

Everyone always tells me how much they enjoy the Half Way Party on Thursday evening at Green Cove Marina. Last year I attended and thanked the organizers in person for continuing to host this Mug Race tradition. It was great food and fellowship and I plan to attend again this year and hope to see you there.

We also greatly appreciate the support of the Jacksonville Sail and Power Squadron for continuing to provide the needed safety and rescue resources for the Mug Race.

See you at the Mug Race...



Jim Maedel, Commodore
The Rudder Club of Jacksonville

63rd Annual Mug Race

Schedule of Events

Registration Party	Saturday April 16 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Rudder Club Jacksonville
Deadline to receive \$20 discount for early online registrations	Saturday April 16	Only for online registrations www.rudderclub.com
Half Way Party	Thursday May 5 6:00 pm Music 6:00 pm	Green Cove Springs Marina Green Cove Springs
Late Registration and Packet Pickup	Friday May 6 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Quality Inn Palatka
Soda, Beer and Wine Tent	Friday May 6 4:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Riverfront Amphitheatre Sponsored by Palatka Yacht Club
Skippers' Meeting	Friday May 6 7:15 pm	Riverfront Amphitheatre Palatka
Mug Race Start of Racing	Saturday May 7 Warning for start of race 8:30 am	St. Johns River north of US 17 Bridge, Palatka
Deadline for mid-course gate	Saturday May 7 7:30 pm	Shands Bridge Green Cove Springs
Deadline for finish	Saturday May 7 8:08 pm	St. Johns River SE corner of Buckman Bridge, Jacksonville
Mug Race Party	Saturday May 7 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Rudder Club Jacksonville
Post Race Breakfast	Sunday May 8 8:00 am - 9:45 am	Rudder Club Jacksonville
Trophy Presentation	Sunday May 8 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.

ONE START AT 8:30 A.M.

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 6, 2016	1st Bus: 5:30 p.m. 2nd Bus: 8:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 7, 2016	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 8, 2016

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

The Mug Cup	First boat to cross the finish line (line Honor)
Ed Burroughs Trophy	First boat to finish corrected time
Commodore's Trophy	First Rudder Club boat to finish corrected time
Palatka Chamber of Commerce Trophy	First multihull cruiser to finish corrected time
Sullivan E. Howard Trophy	First Dinghy (non cruising class monohull) to finish ct
Archie Markland Trophy	First monohull cruiser to finish corrected time
Bobbie Lee Johnson Trophy	First all female crewed boat to finish corrected time
Youngest Sailor Trophy	First boat to finish with skipper and all crew under the age of 19 corrected time
Colin MacKenzie Memorial Trophy	First Putnam County resident to finish corrected time
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)
Class Trophies	Over 80 class trophies to be awarded



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NOTICE OF RACE

The 63rd Mug Race

The Rudder Club of Jacksonville
Jacksonville, Florida, USA
6 May - 8 May 2016

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 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. The term "class" where used refers to broad categories of boats as used under the Portsmouth System such as "Centerboard Class"; "Offshore Class" etc.

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," or "Sub Division."

3.4 Entrants will be divided into the following Fleets.

(a) Monohulls (Boats included in the Portsmouth Yardstick Centerboard and Keelboat categories and similar non-listed boats.)

(1) Spinnaker Division

(2) Non-Spinnaker Division

(b) Cruisers (Boats included in the Portsmouth Yardstick Offshore Classes and similar boats.)

(1) Spinnaker Division

(2) Non-Spinnaker Division

(c) Multihulls (Boats included in the Portsmouth Yardstick Multihull category and similar non-listed boats.)

(1) Multihull

(i) Spinnaker Division

(ii) Non-Spinnaker Division

(2) Multihull Cruiser (must be greater than 20', have overnight accommodations, self-bailing cockpit and proper safety gear).

(i) Spinnaker Division

(ii) Non-Spinnaker Division

NOTE: The Portsmouth Yardstick may be viewed at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/portsmouth-yardstick/current-tables/>

(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)

3.5 A minimum of five registered boats is necessary to constitute a division for race and trophy purposes. Divisions may be combined should insufficient numbers register.

3.6 Registration

(a) Preferred - The preferred method of registration for eligible boats is on-line with the US SAILING Regatta Network through the event web page at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/12114> .

Boats registering on-line will receive a \$20.00 on-line registration discount if they register before 2400 16 April 2016. 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 Dick Allsopp at 904-314-5237 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=12114 .

(b) Hand-Written-Registrations - Boats may register by mail or in person at the Rudder Club Office by submitting a completed registration form included with this Notice. Handwritten registrations will not be eligible for the advance registration discount. 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 26, 2016. 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 2016.

(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 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 with discount – On or before 4/16 - \$80.00. Registration at the Registration Party 4/16/2016 will be on-line and receive this discount.
- 4.2 Registration Fee – Mail-in or in-person delivery anytime, or on-line after 4/16 - \$ 100.00.
- 4.3 Rudder Club, Rat Island Yacht Club, and Palatka Yacht Club Member Discount: \$ 5.00.
- 4.4 US Sailing Membership Discount- On-line registration will check this automatically when member number is entered. 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 16, 2016 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 6 May, 2016 1600 (4:00p.m.) - 1800(6:00p.m.).
- 5.3 Competitors Meeting Friday 6 May 2016 1915 (7:15 p.m.)
- 5.4 The Mug Race Saturday 7 May 2016.
The five minute warning signal for start for all classes is 0825. At 0825 the International Code Flag G will be raised as the class flag for all classes. A signal will be sounded to call attention to the raising of this flag. 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/12114> , available at the Registration Party and posted on the Bulletin Board where official race documents will be posted as well as on the official web site. The Bulletin Board will be on the North Wall of the Rudder Club until 1400 on 6 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 For US Portsmouth ratings see Portsmouth Yardstick at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/portsmouth-yardstick/current-tables/> . 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 Portsmouth handicap class (boats within a range of Portsmouth ratings) they will be scored as a class as well as for an overall position.
- 10.6 Boats finishing after sunset 2005 (8:05 P.M.) on 7 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 7 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/> .

12 PRIZES

The Mug Cup	First boat to finish (line honors)
Ed Burroughs Trophy	First boat to finish overall corrected time.
Commodore’s Trophy	First Rudder Club boat to finish
Palatka Chamber of Commerce Trophy	First multihull cruiser to finish
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Colin MacKenzie Trophy	First Putnam County resident to finish (registered PIC)
Corinthian Trophy	Last boat to finish
Sportsman’s Trophy	Best sportsman, exemplary race behavior
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Class Trophies	

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the:

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www.rudderclub.com

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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=12114

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

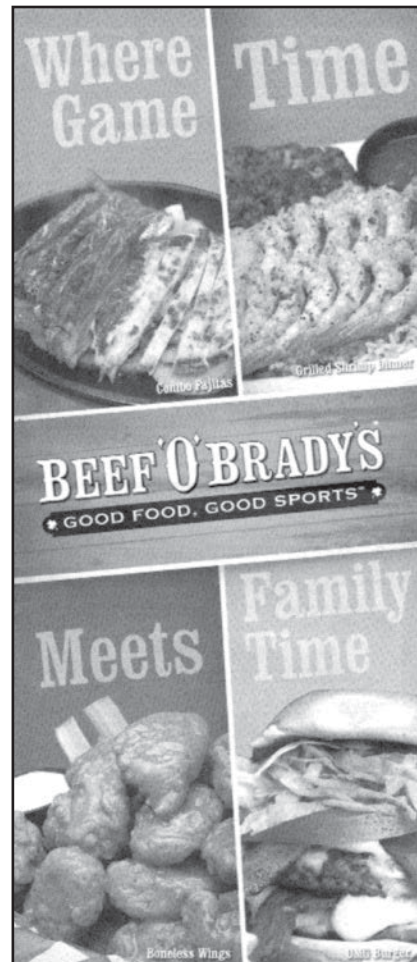
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance. This rule is not protestable.

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 SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

	Rudder Club to Palatka		Palatka to Rudder Club	
Friday, 6 May	1st Bus:	1730 5:30p.m.	Only bus	1900 7:00 p.m
	2 nd Bus	2030 8:30p.m.		
Saturday 7 May	1st Bus:	0545		
	2 nd Bus	2100 (9:00 pm)		





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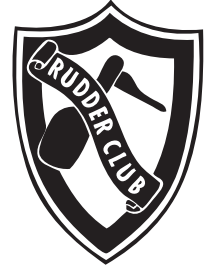
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August 20	Moonlight Regatta
September 3, 4	Labor Day One Design Racing
September 5	Labor Day PHRF Racing
September 10	Fall One Design Series #1
September 24	Fall One Design Series #2
October 2	Fall One Design Series #3
October 16	Fall One Design Series #4
October 23	Fall One Design Series #5
November 5	WOW Regatta
November 19	Fall One Design Series #6
December 3, 4	Gator Bowl Regatta One Design
December 10	Gator Bowl Regatta PHRF

More information at www.rudderclub.com



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



The 63rd Mug Race

Organizing Authority - The Rudder Club of Jacksonville
8533 Malaga Ave.
Jacksonville, FL 32244 USA
6 May – 8 May 2016

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 When proceeding to and from the race area boats are to pass only through the center span of the Buckman Bridge.
- 1.3 SI 10.3 changes RRS A4
- 1.4 SI 12 Time Limit changes RRS 90.3
- 1.5 Rule S113 changes RRS 60 Protests and Requests for Redress by providing for arbitration as set forth in Appendix T rule T5 Arbitration.
- 1.6 In accordance with SI 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.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be placed on the official web site at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/12114> and the notice board located in the registration area of the Quality Inn, 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 1400 6 May the Official Bulletin Board shifts to the lobby window of the Quality Inn in Palatka. Changes will be posted there prior to 0630 on 7 May 2016.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 There will be one race.
- 4.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal is 0825 on 7 May 2016.
- 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, Internet at <http://time.gov/widget.html> 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 International Code Flag Golf (G).



6 RACING AREA

The racing area is between the Memorial (US 17) Bridge in Palatka and the Buckman Bridge as depicted on the following charts: NOAA 1187 (11492c) and NOAA 11492 a. See attachment A

7 COURSES

- 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'.
- 7.3 Boats are to pass through only the navigation span of the Shands Bridge.
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 be formed by 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 start will be between a staff bearing an Orange Flag on the Signal Boat, a mid-line boat displaying

an orange flag, and then to US Government Red lighted buoy #48. The mid line boat shall be considered a starting mark in accordance with RRS 31. The site for the start is just NE of the Palatka Bridge (Highway 17) , Palatka Florida. A boat is “racing” from four minutes prior to its start time.

- 10.2 Boats should ensure that Mug numbers are clearly displayed to the Start Signal Boat or other designated support boats when checking in.
- 10.3 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 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.
 - (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 2008 (8:08 P.M). Boats finishing after that time will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). Yachts south of the mid-course gate after 1930(7:30 p.m.) are required to retire from the race and will be scored as DNF. This changes RRS 90.3

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests must be filed at the Rudder Club Race Office. No protest will be taken 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, Rule T5, **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

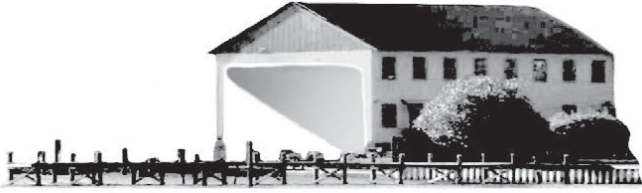
- 15.1 All boats must sail past the Start Signal Boat on its non-starting line side and check-in prior to starting or check in with an official support boat. . Boats should pass the check-in boat so that their Mug Number is clearly visible to those on the boat. Signal boat check in must occur before 0815.
- 15.2 Rudder Club patrol boats will patrol the race course to render assistance. Any of the above support team members may assist you if needed 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 need and to help the boat reach the nearest safe place to remove the craft from the river. 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 abandon 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 Patrol Boat.
 - (c) Email to raceoffice@rudderclub.com
 - (d) Skype call to [therudderclub](http://therudderclub.com) or 904-414 3202.
 - (e) Voice or SMS (text) message to 904-314-5237.
- 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, 2008 (8:08 P.M.)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 propulsion provided it does not gain a significant advantage in the race in order to transit the navigation span of 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 2008 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 a 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.

- 15.16 All 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 <http://www.boatus.com/MMSI/>.
- 15.17 The Rudder Club Base radio MMSI is 338109366
- 15.18 All windsurfer, non-race ready sailing canoe (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.

16 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded at the awards ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday 8 May 2016 at The Rudder Club.



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