



NOTICE OF RACE

The 72nd Mug Race

The Rudder Club of Jacksonville

Jacksonville, Florida, USA

1 May – 3 May 2026

1 RULES

1.1 The Race will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* (RRS) and the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted; however, it must conform to the guidelines of World Sailing 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)

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/portsmouth-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/subdivision for scoring and trophy purposes. Divisions may be combined should insufficient numbers register.

3.6 Registration

- (a) Registration is online with the US SAILING Regatta Network through the event web page at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30689> Boats registering online will receive a \$20.00 online registration discount if they pay before 2359 on Sunday 19 April 2026. 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 online registration but paying will receive an automated e-mail providing directions as to how to complete their registrations. Registration fees are based on date of payment. For boats needing assistance in registering online, 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, online registration (including payment) on or before 19 April 2026 is \$ 110.00. Registration at Packet

Note: Information on the Portsmouth Yardstick may be obtained at

Pickup on 18 April will be online and receive this discounted fee.

4.2 Registration Fee – After April 19 is \$130.00.

4.3 Late Registration Fee – After 12:00 am Friday 1 May, registration is \$ 160.00. Late 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. Online 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 2026 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Assistance will be provided to register online from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

5.2 Late registration and Race Packet Pick Up, Quality Inn, Palatka, Friday 21 May 2026 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

5.3 Competitors Meeting Friday 1 May at 7:15 pm at the Palatka Riverfront Park Amphitheater.

5.4 The Mug Race Saturday 2 May 2026
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.

5.5 Trophies Sunday 3 May 2026 at 10:30 am at the Rudder Club of Jacksonville.

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 <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30689> available at the Registration Party, and posted on the Bulletin Board. 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 For the Monohull, Multihull, and Windsurfer Fleets, The Race will be scored using the North American Portsmouth Yardstick, non-wind adjusted (D-PN). For

the Cruiser Fleet, the Race will be scored using PHRF Time on Distance handicapping.

10.2 US Portsmouth ratings are available for US Sailing members at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/portsmouth-yardstick-table-pre-calculated-classes/>

When registering online, 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. For Cruisers without a current PHRF rating, a rating will be assigned by the Rudder Club Handicapper. Skippers are encouraged to obtain a current PHRF 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 8:05 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. Competitors can use mobile phones to contact race committee to drop out or in emergencies. Competitors are strongly urged to have a mobile phone or VHF radio on their boats.

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 boat 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 Cruiser 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) on 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

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 3,

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 2026	Only Bus:	5:30 pm

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the:

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NOTE: This QR 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 online. It will also contain the latest information on the race status as well as the NOR, the SIs and any changes to them . The link to this page is <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30689>.

