

The Tall Ships Race

Rudder Club of Jacksonville

2 May 2026

1. RULES

The Race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, and the PHRF rules of the First Coast Sailing Association.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 All boats must have a valid PHRF rating from FCSA. Boats not having a valid rating may obtain an uncontested temporary PHRF rating on a one-time basis, assigned by the Rudder Club in accordance with FCSA Rules. Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the Rudder Club, which is the organizing authority.

3.2 Entrants in the Tall Ships Race must have a mast height of 44 feet or more.

3.3 Entrants will be divided into the following categories:

Multihull Cruisers

Performance Spinnaker

Performance Non-spinnaker

Cruiser Spinnaker

Cruiser Non-spinnaker

3.4 Boats whose configuration does not conform to that prescribed by the class rules for the boat shall indicate this on their race registration.

3.5 A minimum of three boats is necessary to constitute a class for race and trophy purposes.

3.6 Registration is online only at Regatta Network,
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30690>.

The deadline for registration is **Sunday April 26 at 10:00 am**.

4. FEES

4.1 Advance registration before Sunday 19 April at 11:00 pm: \$90.00. Assistance will be provided to register on line on Saturday 18 April from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Rudder Club.

4.2 Registration between Sunday 19 April at 11:01 pm and Sunday 26 April at 10:00 am: \$110.00.

4.3 Rudder Club and Palatka Yacht Club members: \$5.00 discount.

4.4 US Sailing member: \$5.00 discount. Membership will be checked automatically at the time of registration.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Packet Pickup: Race packets will be available at the Skippers Meeting Sunday 26 April at 3:00 pm. Packets may be picked up at the Rudder Club during normal business hours from Tuesday 28 April through Friday 1 May.
- 5.2 Final Race Packet Pickup will be at the Rudder Club from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Friday, 1 May.
- 5.3 Optional Competitors' Meeting: Sunday 26 April at 3:00 pm at the Rudder Club. Attendance is not mandatory.
- 5.4 Complimentary docking will be available at the Rudder Club the night prior to the race.
- 5.5 The warning signal of the race will be given at 10:00 am on Saturday 2 May.
- 5.6 Per Coast Guard regulations, any boat which has not finished by 8:05 pm shall be scored DNF.

6. MEASUREMENT

All boats are subject to measurement by the Race Committee at any time. To be eligible for entry a boat must have a mast height greater than 44 feet above the water.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted at the Regatta Network site, <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30690>, available at the optional Competitor's Meeting Sunday 26 April at 3:00 pm at the Rudder Club, and posted on the Bulletin Board. The Bulletin Board will be on the North Wall of the Rudder Club.

8. COURSE See the Sailing Instructions.

9. VENUE

The racing area is the St. Johns River between the Buckman Bridge (I-295) to the north and the Shands Bridge (Florida 16) to the south. The racing area is depicted on NOAA Chart 11492.

10. SCORING

The race will be scored using Time-on-Distance in accordance with PHRF.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 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 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/>.

11.5 It is strongly recommended that all boats have a VHF radio or mobile telephone on board in case of emergency.

12. PRIZES

The Grace Rogers Trophy will be awarded to the first boat to finish (uncorrected time). Class trophies will be awarded based on corrected time.

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 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. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Rudder Club of Jacksonville, 8533 Malaga Ave., Jacksonville FL 32244, (904) 264-4094, Regatta Chair Larry Wagner at lwagsar@hotmail.com (904) 955-2361 or (904) 423-6802, or Race Officer Jon Hamilton at jon.hamilton4@comcast.net or (904) 635-9270.