

NOTICE OF RACE

The 57th Mug Race South Course and North Course

The Rudder Club of Jacksonville
Orange Park, Florida, USA
30 April - 2 May 2010

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 South Course (Boats with a masthead height of less than 44 feet) - RRS 26 is altered for this event in order to provide a pursuit start as described in the *US SAILING Race Management Handbook* (2009 - 2012), Portsmouth Method, page 303.
- 1.3 North Course (Monohulls with a masthead height of 44 feet or greater and cruising multihulls) - Boats entering in the PHRF Class will conform to the PHRF Rules of the First Coast Sailing Association.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3.

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 Except for boats in PHRF classes, boats will be grouped into Mug Race specific classes hereinafter referred to as a "Class."
- 3.3 All boats are eligible for entry that can meet the requirements of one or more categories listed in 3.4 below.
- 3.4 Entrants will be divided into the following categories:

3.4.1 South Course (Mug Race) - those boats with mast heights less than 44 feet

a. Monohulls

- (1) Class (one design)
- (2) Monohull (RCHS scoring)
 - (a) Spinnaker
 - (b) Non-Spinnaker
- (3) RCHS (cruisers)
 - (a) Spinnaker
 - (b) Non-Spinnaker

b. Multihulls

- (1) Class (one design)
- (2) RCHS (Multihull non-cruiser)
 - (a) Spinnaker
 - (b) Non-Spinnaker

c. 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)

3.4.2 North Course (Tall Ship Race) - those monohulls with mast height of 44 feet and taller and cruising multihulls.

a. Cruisers

- (1) PHRF
 - (a) Spinnaker
 - (b) Non-Spinnaker
 - (c) Cruiser
- (2) RCHS (cruisers) those monohulls without PHRF certificates
 - (a) Spinnaker
 - (b) Non-Spinnaker
- (3) Cruising Multihulls
 - (a) Spinnaker
 - (b) Non-Spinnaker

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

3.6 PHRF class boats are required to have a current PHRF rating certificate issued by First Coast Sailing Association. Current certificates from other areas will be accepted subject to review and possible adjustment as necessary to ensure conformity. Boats not having a current PHRF certificate and wishing to race in the cruiser PHRF division may obtain an interim rating certificate from the Rudder Club Handicapper upon presentation of a check for \$25.00 payable to First Coast Sailing Association.

3.7 Registration

3.7.1 Preferred - The preferred method of registration for eligible boats is on-line with the US SAILING Regatta Network. To register, select the Registration link on The Rudder Club Web Site at www.rudderclub.com. Boats registering on-line will receive a \$20.00 on-line registration discount if they register before 2400 28 April 2010. Boats may confirm that their registration has been recorded by selecting the participant lists available on the Rudder Club 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 registration. For boats needing assistance in registering on-line, please contact Dick Allsopp at 904-278-0329 or dallsopp@ussailing.net. Boats may also register by going directly to Regatta Network. The URL for the South Course is:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/apply_registration_form.php?regatta_id=2632 .

The URL for the North Course is:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/apply_registration_form.php?regatta_id=2633 .

3.7.2 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
Orange Park, Fl. 32073

3.7.3 Mail-in registration shall be postmarked no later than April 10, 2009. 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 27 April 2010.

3.7.3 Boats not registering in advance or registering by mail may late register as in 5.1 and 5.2 as applicable.

3.8 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 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 windsurfer or canoe checks in at the starting line and finishes or the entrant will be scored DNS.

4 FEES

4.1 Advance, on-line registration with discount – On or before 4/28- \$70.00. 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 4/28 \$ -90.00.

4.3 Rudder 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 South Course

Registration Party, Rudder Club of Jacksonville
Saturday, April 17, 2010 1500 (3:00 p.m.) –
1800(6:00 p.m.)

Late registration and Race Packet Pick Up,
Quality Inn, Palatka, Friday, April 30, 2010
1600 (4:00p.m.) – 1800(6:00p.m.).

Competitors Meeting Friday 30 April 2010 1915
(7:15 p.m.) Friday

The Mug Race Saturday 1 May 2010.
The five minute warning signal for start of
sequence of Reverse Handicap times for fleet is
at 0725. Boats are to cross starting line at or
after assigned times. Race committee will signal
boats over early in accordance with the Sailing
Instructions.

5.2 North Course

Registration Party, Rudder Club of Jacksonville
Saturday, April 17, 2010 1500 (3:00 p.m.) –
1800(6:00 p.m.)

Late registration and race packet pick up, Rudder
Club of Jacksonville until Friday, 30 April 1800
(6:00p.m.)

Competitors Meeting at the Rudder Club Friday,
30 April, 2010 1915 (7:15 p.m.)

The Tall Ship Race Saturday May 1, 2010. The
Warning Signal will be sounded at 0725. The
Race will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Boats with a masthead height less than 44 feet
must compete on the Mug Race South course.
Boats with a mast height 44 feet and taller must
compete on the North Course. All boats are
subject to measurement by the Race Committee
at any time.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions are posted on the
Rudder Club Web Site at
www.rudderclub.com, available at the
Registration Party and posted on the bulletin
boards of the Quality Inn and Suites Palatka
and The Rudder Club of Jacksonville.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses are contained in the Sailing
Instructions.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The racing areas are between the Palatka
Bridge and the Buckman Bridge as depicted on the
following:

South Course - NOAA 1187 (11492c)
and NOAA 11492 a and b
North Course - NOAA 11492

10 SCORING

- 10.1 South Course - The Race will be conducted
using the Portsmouth Method Pursuit Start
System as described in the US SAILING Race
Management Handbook (2009 - 2012) 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 North Course – There will be a single start on
the North Course conducted in accordance with
RRS 26.
- 10.3 Handicaps under the RCHS will be computed
as follows:
- 10.3.1 South Course –
- 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://www.ussailing.org/portsmouth/pyi_index.asp. 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.
 - For boats with no Portsmouth Handicap,
an RCHS rating will be assigned by the
South Course Handicapper based on
similarly configured boats and/or and
existing PHRF rating.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- 10.3.2 North Course –
- (a) Boats holding a First Coast Sailing Association PHRF certificate will be assigned a RCHS rating equal to their PHRF rating.
 - (c) Boats holding a valid PHRF rating issued by a PHRF rating organization other than the FCSA and wishing to race PHRF may apply to the handicapper for a temporary PHRF rating.
 - (b) Cruisers not holding a valid PHRF Certificate, but for which a PHRF rating exists for a similar boat, will be assigned an RCHS rating by the Handicapper based on that PHRF rating. The data base located at <http://www.sailjax.com/PHRF-Base-Ratings-Database.pdf> will be used as a basis for assigned ratings at the discretion of the Handicapper. These boats will race in the RCHS class.
 - (c) Boats not rated by PHRF but with a Portsmouth Rating will be assigned a RCHS rating based on the USSAILING Portsmouth to PHRF conversion formula. $RCHS = (DPN \times 6) - 330$. For US Portsmouth ratings see Portsmouth Yardstick at <http://www.ussailing.org/portsmouth/pyindex.asp>. If registering on-line, the registrant can look up their code by clicking on “Lookup Code” to the right of the USSA Portsmouth Code box. Find the boat type in resulting drop down menu. This will list the DPN number and code. Click on the code and the boat type and DPN number will be entered in the registration.
 - (d) For boats with no rating base, a RCHS rating will be assigned by The Rudder Club Handicapper.
- 10.4 Entrants of a one-design class if racing as a Mug Race class will be assigned the same start time.
- 10.5 If five or more boats are entered in a one design class or handicap class they will be scored as a class as well as for an overall position.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive 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 a working GPS connected to their VHF radio.

12 PRIZES

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

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14 INSURANCE

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

15 TRAILERS

- 15.1 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

- 16.1 For further information please contact the:

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