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JACKSONVILLE RIVER RALLY CHARITY FUN RUN

Jacksonville, Fla.

When word got out that longtime Jacksonville (Fla.) River Rally Charity Poker Run organizer Bill Pyburn, Sr., had too much on his plate to handle the chores this year, diehard fans of the annual event, which benefits the Camp Amigo program for children recovering from the physical and emotional tolls of burn injuries, rebelled. Leading the charge was Greg Harris, a longtime participant and Pyburn family friend who handled most of the organizational chores. With Harris committed, Pyburn couldn't resist helping with the more-casual **Jacksonville River Rally Charity Fun Run**. Despite that the 24-boat fleet was roughly half of what it has been the past several years, the reborn event had many of the same elements such as a raft-off on Friday and a long run—80 miles one way—down the St. Johns River on Saturday for lunch.



1) Framed by the downtown Jacksonville skyline, Bill Munyan and his son, Jack, came to Jacksonville from across the state (St. Petersburg) to participate in their 36-foot Nor-Tech catamaran powered by a pair of Mercury Racing 700SCi engines. 2) While the Jacksonville River Rally Charity Fun Run has attracted some of the fastest hardware in the country throughout the years, more typical go-fast boats such as this Sunsation V-bottom are welcomed with open arms. 3) *Frisky Business*, a Skater 388 catamaran, was one of several Skaters that made it to the event.

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4) When Jacksonville looked as if it weren't going to happen, Greg Harris—one of the event's biggest fans—took matters into his own hands and started making phone calls. Harris saw his efforts come to life firsthand in *Fast At Last*, the 37-foot Active Thunder he owns and ran with his partner and speedonthewater.com contributing photographer, Yvonne Aleman. 5) Standing out among the pack on the St. Johns River during the event isn't tricky—you just need an all-white boat such as this 32-foot Skater catamaran. 6) While Harris, Pyburn and company would have liked a larger group, the 24-boat fleet enjoyed plenty of space at the docks. 7) The lovely Tami Sanders and Amanda Gardner—sporting her speedonthewater.com finery—struck a pose during the poker run. **SOTW**