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# JACKSONVILLE RIVER RALLY AND FUN RUN

Jacksonville, Fla.

**S**weltering heat in Northern Florida wasn't enough to stop organizers Greg Harris and Yvonne Aleman from putting on yet another successful **Jacksonville River Rally Fun Run**. While most of the 27 boat owners who brought their high-performance catamarans and V-bottoms opted to skip Friday's annual Boater Skip Day thanks to the heat, they tackled the 140-mile run, which included a lunch stop on the St. Johns River on Saturday. What's more, they raised more than \$12,000 for Camp Amigo, a nonprofit organization that helps children recovering from the emotional and physical scars from severe burn injuries. In 2019, Harris plans to move the event to May in hopes of capturing some cooler weather—as well as a few boats headed north for the summer—and not conflicting with Jacksonville's Boater Skip Day.



1) Participants in the Jacksonville River Rally Fun Run flew their catamarans and V-bottoms in formation during their 140-mile adventure, which included a lunch stop on the expansive St. Johns River. 2) Running their pristine Formula sportboat, the Ackermans traveled from Georgia to make the event a true family affair. 3) John Hice used the typically fast water of the St. John River to stretch out his single turbine engine-powered Warlock catamaran.







4) Taking a break from their organizational chores, throttleman Greg Harris and driver Yvonne Aleman ran *Mad Props*, Harris' 32-foot Skater catamaran powered by Mercury Racing 700SCi engines, in the event. 5) As usual, the Jacksonville River Rally Fun Run attracted several well-known catamarans, including this 36-foot Skater called *Aftermath* piloted by Bill and Jack Munyan. 6) No respectable go-fast boating event would be complete without at least one outboard-powered sport catamaran in the field, and John O'Neill carried the sport cat flag nicely in his MTI 340X with Mercury Racing Verado 400R engines. 7) Making a good thing look even better, Louisiana's Fallon Thibodeaux sported a new Speed On The Water bikini for the event. **SOTW**