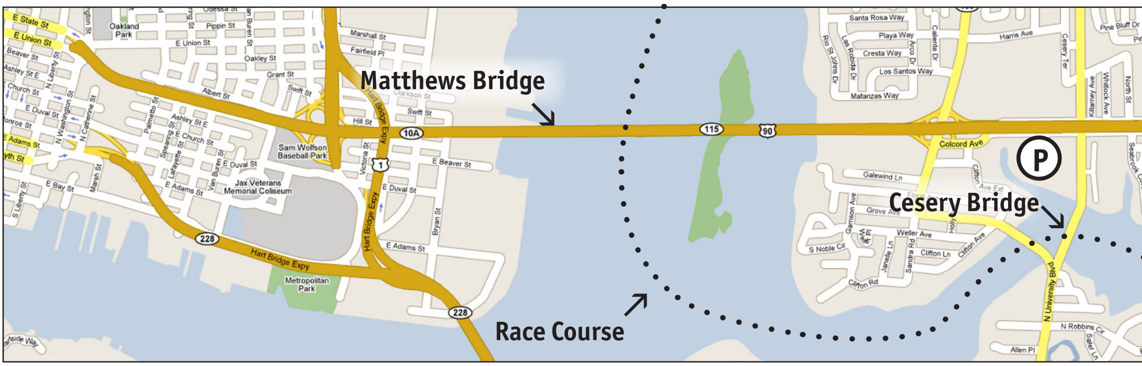
Maps and Driving Directions



First Coast Head Race, aka, "First Coast"

5948 Arlington Expy
Jacksonville, FL 32211
(904) 724-5139 (Phone number is for the Raceway gas station right next to the race site.)
Driving time is 1 hour 45 minutes.

Warning: Google Maps takes you just past where you actually want to be. Mapquest maps it correctly.

Tips for this race site
This race site has some of the best **viewing** of any race site to which you will go. Typically the Cesery Bridge is closed allowing spectators full access for watching the boats row underneath.

There is plenty of **parking** at the regatta site.

There will be **food** at the regatta site, but the selection will be limited. There are no other food options within walking or easy driving distance.

Directions from Gainesville

1. Start out going north on Waldo Road. *Drive on Waldo Road ↝ 13 miles on Waldo Road.* Obey all speed limit signs in the townships of Waldo and Lawtey.
2. Turn right onto U.S. 301 North off of Waldo Road. *Drive ↝ 36 miles on U.S. 301 North.*
3. Turn left off of U.S. 301 North on to the ramp for I-10 East to Jacksonville. *Drive ↝ 18 miles on I-10 East.*
4. Merge off of I-10 East on to I-95 North via left exit toward Riverfront/International Airport/ Sports Complex. *Drive ↝ 1.25 miles on I-95 North.*
5. Take Exit 353-B (Union Street – towards Sports Complex/Riverfront/Alt. U.S 90) off of I-95 North. *Drive ↝ 0.16 miles on Union Street.*
6. Stay straight onto West Union Street (FL 139 East/U.S. 23 South). *Drive ↝ 1.05 miles on West Union Street.*
7. Follow signs and take the ramp towards Alltel Stadium/Matthews Bridge/Sports Complex. *Drive on the ramp for ↝ 0.6 miles*
8. Merge off of the ramp on to the Arlington Expressway (FL 115/Alternate U.S. 90 East). *Drive ↝ 2.88 miles on the Arlington Expressway, crossing the river on the Matthews Bridge.*
9. Exit off of the Arlington Expressway on to the Cesery Boulevard Service Road (the right turn is almost immediately after the Matthews Bridge).
10. Bear left **immediately** after exiting on to the Cesery Boulevard Service Road (do not take the available sharp right turn). You should now be traveling parallel to the Arlington Expressway.
11. Follow signs to regatta spectator parking, just before the Raceway gas station.