

This is just brief follow up on the earlier email about the start – thanks to all of you for inputting. We will continue with a Bermuda Start – Sat am – with both the cruisers and multihulls. The Racers will follow Sunday am with a mass start. We want to get as many boats down there in as short a time frame as possible to simplify the finish, to facilitate spectator observation, and to have as many boats as close together during the race as possible (rather than separating, the Bermuda start brings them together)!

We had a great committee meeting last night, and are continue to look forward to a great regatta. The Division winners will receive spectacular, large pewter sailboats, and all of the trophies will be keepers and displayers! Our social agenda is going to be just as good – and we will expand it from just a great trophy presentation – how about early arrivers/racer chasers and wind down parties!

In my last email I advised that Weather Routing Inc. (<http://www.wriwx.com/>) is providing weather support for the race, and has committed five coupons for individual yacht weather support. This will include a forecast that will contain a weather synopsis, recommended routing , a “conclusions” section explaining route reasoning (which will incorporate weather ***and*** currents), present weather conditions, severe weather potential, and a “hedge” section addressing forecast confidence, along with a detailed tabular weather forecast. We will raffle three off in mid October; one will be raffled only to entries received prior to August 31th; and two to entries received prior to September 16th. The remaining two will go during the skippers meeting. So, get your entries in!! These raffles are “give aways” – and the coupons have a retail value of \$400! So, get your entry in and take a chance on coming out ahead! If your entry is USPS date stamped prior August 31st (and you include a note telling us to look at the date) you have a chance!

Those of you with SNAP-R permits, we will have our web site updated this week to include steps to comply with the “AES” data entry requirement. It will be in the “documents” section of the site!

Come on, lets go to Cuba!

Bob K