

Departure/Entry/Return

- **Departure:** Individual boats will need:

Dpt of Treasury, OFAC: General license – issued by CFR for athletic event

OFAC has issued a general license that authorizes travel-related transactions and other transactions that are directly incident to participation in amateur sports competitions in Cuba provided any profits go to aide the Cuban people. Transaction record keeping is required. See 31 CFR 515.567 and 31 CFR 501.601 and 602.

Dpt of Commerce, BIS: Requires a SNAP-R permit, a pain, but if I can do it, anyone can.

Instructions have been sent to all indicating interest; and, have been updated and are on the PYC race calendar

USCG: Requires a permit to cross the 12 mile line en route to cuba. I have obtained previously, a simply exchange of faxes. Information and the form may be obtained at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg531/CubaTravel.asp>.

The application should be faxed to 305 415-6791, but may be emailed to rosa.l.garrison@uscg.mil. Questions can be directed to:

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District 7 Response Division
909 SE 1st Ave.
Miami, Fl. 33131
305-415-6820
305-415-6791 fax

- **Entry into Cuba**

You can anticipate an exceptionally courteous, and thorough customs/entry inspection. We are advised that costs will be \$55/vessel, and \$25/passenger visa. The process be handled there, with oversight by the Hemingway International Yacht Club. Should not be an issue, unless any contraband or unwelcome participants. Cuba is thorough in their clearance inspection!

The Hemingway Marina is old, and most likely poorly maintained. Costs are \$0.5 CUC to 0.6 CUC per foot per day; 0.6 CUC/gallon for water; and 0.35 CUC/Kw hour for electricity. A CUC is roughly equivalent to a US dollar (there are costs to convert currency, however). Ballpark hotel costs at the marina are \$63 CUC/day for a single room; and \$90 CUC/day for a double.

We are advised that long distance communication equipment may be kept on the boats (SSB, Satphones).

- **Return to US**

This web site provides information concerning clearing US customs by boat.

<http://www.cbp.gov/travel/pleasure-boats-private-flyers/pleasure-boat-overview>Return:

Customs and Border Protection requirements – You will need a customs decal. Each boat must report in to Customs and Border Protection telephonically, and may be directed to the nearest port of entry for a face to face inspection/clearance. An alternative is the Small Vessel Reporting System (SVRS) that allows the interaction to occur before the fact, and the return clearance may be satisfied with simple telephonic reporting provided a prior float plan is submitted.

This is the same as the old LBOP (local boaters option program) – you met with the local customs guy, were given a id number, and were likely cleared for an automatic return. For additional information, go to: <https://svrs.cbp.dhs.gov/Default.aspx>

You will need to obtain a prior US customs decal. To do that:

The fastest way to renew will be to use the online system Decal and Transponder Online nt System (DTOPS), which can be found at <https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov>.

You will need to log in with your User ID and Password. If you do not remember either one, click the **Recover Password** button or the **Recover User ID** button and follow the prompts on the screen.

Once you are signed in, click on your account number as it is listed in the table(the actual account number, not where it says Account ID). Then on the left hand menu you should have an option to **Create/Manage Orders**. Click this, and then the blue button which says **Create New Order**. Then on the left hand side you should have the option to process a **Renewal**. Then select the conveyance type you will renew for, at which point you can select the conveyance listed you would like to renew for, and hit **Add to Order**. Be sure you select them under Purchase Year 2015.

Next, the system will take you to a page that says your items have been added to the order. Click on **Go to Order Detail Page** and hit **Proceed to Checkout**.

This will take you to a page where you can verify the shipping address. There is a line that says **"Fees are non refundable, you have verified your shipping address, click [] to agree and proceed."** You must click in the box to get the **Make Payment** button.

Now proceed with entering your credit card or bank account info and hit **Submit Payment**. Now print the payment confirmation and your order has been submitted.

If you have any further questions please call the help desk at 317-298-1245.

I spoke to the organizer of the Havana Challenge – the small cat race a couple weeks ago. He advised no problems departing, entering, or returning!

