



Pensacola a la Habana

April 30, 2017

A Satori Foundation Event



Early Discounts and Free GYA PHRF Certificates Offered

Pensacola FL- January 26, 2017: Early race registration is now available for the Pensacola a La Habana race starting April 30 from Pensacola, Florida. Entry is \$350 prior to March 15, when entry increases to \$400. As further incentive, all early registrations- March 15 or before- will automatically enter in a free draw for one of five coupons donated by Weather Routing Inc. (WRI) for free pre-race weather forecasting and routing services valued at \$250 each.

Seasoned offshore racers are available to mentor newcomers to the event. They understand the currents, weather and requirements for entry and are up to date on the complexities of racing to Cuba.

The race will be handicapped under Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) PHRF net ratings with Cruiser Division ratings adjusted by the Pensacola a La Habana Modern and Classic Cruiser Credits as defined in Appendix B of the [Notice of Race](#). GYA-PHRF Chairman Tom Beery has offered issue complementary PHRF ratings/certificates to non-GYA area Cuba race participants who have valid certificates from their home waters. Skippers wishing to take advantage of this generous offer should contact Mr. Beery at the [GYA-PHRF](#) office as soon as possible.

To recognize the first to finish yacht overall, a new trophy will dedicated for this race. This will be a perpetual trophy for display at Pensacola Yacht Club and a significant crystal sail trophy awarded as a keeper. Several multihulls will be trying for this new prize and a big new monohull, a 62 foot Oyster, racing out of Pensacola Yacht Club for the first time may set the monohull pace.

The Notice of Race (NOR) and several key Attachments have been revised or added. The revised race documents can be found at <http://www.pensacolahavanarace.com/> under the "2017 Race Documents" Tab and also at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2919>.

Register now for the 2017 Pensacola a la Habana event, and the upcoming PYC Satori Foundation [Safety at Sea seminar](#). The seminar is required for specific crew members under the revised NOR. If you have not signed up yet, please do so now. It is scheduled for March 25-26, a perfect time for families to [Visit Pensacola](#), Pensacola Beach and Perdido Key.

Links to the Safety at Sea Seminar and Race registration are
Safety-at-Sea: <https://www.satorifoundation.com/safety-at-sea-seminar/>
Race Registration: <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2919>

For 2017, one of the improvements will be the use of the [yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) website for both sign up and race management/scoring. Another improvement will be the use of YellowBrick Tracking (YB Tracking). This will give our race a professionally managed tracking program with uniformity of communication between the RC and the fleet. The trackers are sponsored by [VisitPensacola.com](http://www.visitpensacola.com) and have a minimal cost to yachts under a security deposit.

Once again 2017 Pensacola a la Habana Race Committee (RC), the Satori Foundation and the Pensacola Yacht Club invite all qualified vessels to race with us to Cuba on April 30, 2017. An improved list of social activities associated with the race is under construction and will be announced soon.

These 'local' events include a Castillo del Morro Race down the coast along the famous Havana boardwalk – the malecon – and back with participating local boats. Of course the parties, and trophy presentation will be spectacular, and trips and tours will be available for those interested. A return cruise in company via Cayo Levisa will also be scheduled.

Additionally, the Hemingway International Yacht Club has scheduled their 25th anniversary parade and party for May 20th and 21st. You are invited to stay for those festivities as well, if you can.

Stay tuned, and sign up soon!

For additional information, check out the website
<http://www.pensacolahavanarace.com>

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