

The following is simply an excerpt of several email responses that might be of some general interest.

Come on October 31<sup>st</sup>!!

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Dockage:

Pensacola marinas include the Marina Management facilities (Palafox Pier, downtown, very nice; Bahia Mar, Bayou Chico near PYC; and Baylin Slips; all \$1.50ft/nite or \$7 ft/week) 850 4329620) and John Naybors marinas (Island Cove, Palm Harbor; both in Bayou Chico and \$1.50 ft/day 455-4552)

PYC will allow boats to raft up at the transient dock for up to 7 days prior to the race, no charge, provided the numbers do not get out of hand - or create a navigation problem. My guess is that will probably be limited to several boats. Dockmaster is Greg, phone 850 232-5191

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Agenda:

Our social agenda is still in the air. Currently we have only an awards ceremony planned for Fri nite. We are looking at alternatives that include an "early arrival/racer chaser" party Thurs, as well as other configurations (fri, awards and Sat, wind down; or a separate castle party and trophies Sat evening) At any rate we will be done Sat!

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Visas

I understand that people can arrive and depart by different means. They need to be accounted for, and I suspect that the entry visa will id the departure mode. There are various boats considering flying crew in or out.

We do have some information on the web - try PYC to HIYC Support Travel under documents.

I am advised by commodore Escrich that all arrivals will be given a 30 day visa, that can be extended an additional 30 days. So, your Cuban visa is good for 30 days or more!

However, your Dpt of Commerce, "athletic activity general license - 31CFR515.567 - allows athletic event related transactions and requires record keeping. Read the stuff in the CFR and on the web site! So, although you have a 30 day visa, your US permit 31CFR515.567 only allows event related transactions, so the real question is how long is that. Our last activity will probably be Saturday; so I would venture you could argue the event covers how ever much time afterwards that it takes to prepare for the return trip to the US!

## Ratings and Entry applications

We spent time reviewing the applications we have received and the associated regatta ratings. We initially applied our corrections to the GYA net (or corrected) rating, and this resulted in many boats receiving credits twice for various items (furling systems, propeller, etc). We have adjusted all of the ratings so the regatta corrections are applied to the GYA base rating (where there is redundancy), and as a result the regatta handicap ratings have changed in most cases.

Take a look at the ratings contained on the PYC web site in a couple days ([www.cubarace2015.com](http://www.cubarace2015.com); entries) as well as the missing or questioned items, and make sure you are comfortable with our assessment of your rating and address the remaining application deficiencies.