

On Aug 15, 2015, at 2:59 PM, Robert Kriegel <bkriegel@panhandle.rr.com> wrote:

Just an update, and a solicitation for the elusive dollar!

First – we will be transferring info from the PYC racing web site to our own web site – www.cubarace2015.com. Take a look at it, offer any suggestions, visualize yourself or your company on the sponsorship page!

Entry fees go up at the end of the month! Get yours in now! Also, we really need a good participant count – if you plan on submitting your application later, send me an email and let me know!

If you have not received your Commerce and USCG permits, get started – you can plan on a 30 to 45 day ordeal! Suggested steps are on our website. And, if you have received your SNAP-R permit and have read it, you will see a condition requiring data entry into AES (another silly, unapplicable, governmental requirement – excuse the editorializing) that can not reasonably be satisfied by the lay person (requires a BIS certified/trained data entry operator or a commercial export facilitator). We have imposed on a volunteer to figure this out, and will set up a process so that we can get this done for you. More coming on this in the near future.

There is a large fair/convention ongoing in Cuba during the same time frame we will be there; and, rooms in Havana are scarce and pricy. The regatta activities will be centered out of the Marina Hemingway, and there are hotels there. I did a quick search, the Cubanacan Acurario has rooms available for less than \$100/day, consistent with what we have been advised by the commodore of the Hemingway International Yacht Club. So, if you plan on staying at a hotel, it is probably a good idea to make reservations as soon as possible.

Randy Ray has volunteered to be our support coordinator and to pull together information and act as a information liason between the regatta participants and those individuals going to Cuba to support the regatta – or the permitted athletic event; and he plans on getting this info on our web in the next few days.

We understand charter flights are available (<http://cubatrips.org/charter-flights-to-cuba.html>); and certainly via CanCun or the Bahamas.

We are considering morphing this event from a low budget cruiser's regatta to a recurring international race paralleling the Bermuda race and Regata al Sol in stature! We would like to raise some \$5000 to \$10,000 this month to supplement the entry fees, and to go primarily to trophies, and parties. So, if you can donate funding, please do so, either directly to the Pensacola Yacht Club (Cuba Race) or to the Satori Foundation which has applied for 501(c)(3) status (potential tax deduction). Any sponsorship funding over actual costs will go to the Satori Foundation to fulfill its mission which includes developing sailing and marine education programs for underprivileged kids.

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> We have attached an informational brochure; please take the time to read it!

We also would like to nail down a list of prospective support boats that can assist the Hemingway Yacht Club with the finish; so, again, let us know!

Look forward to October; this organizing stuff is too much!!

Bob K

>And, taken from Commodore Escrich's 08/18 email:

I can assure you that all the participants in the Pensacola - Havana Race will enjoy an unforgettable stay in Cuba.