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Subject: Re: Pensacola a la Habana

Dear Mr. Kriegel,

It pleases me to greet you on behalf of the Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba and on my own, as well as to express that we work with much enthusiasm, as host of the Pensacola – Havana Regatta, in the organization of all the activities related to the event, so that we can ensure that all participants will be very pleased for carrying out this race that will strengthen ties of friendship between the cities of Pensacola and Havana and between our two yacht clubs.

Regarding social activities, the finish line and the support boats, I can assure you there will be no difficulties at all. We planned a welcoming party with the participation, among others, of members of the Yacht Club and Cuban athletes and fans who love sailing. The program of activities also includes the Morro Castle Regatta in Havana, with the participation of Cuban athletes and fans. Once it is over, we will have an award party at the headquarters of our Yacht Club.

With regard to the finish line and support boats, everything is guaranteed. As I said earlier, the finish line will be in front of the entrance buoy to Hemingway Marina. All boats arriving will have the support of yachts.

Moreover, I inform you that the visa is issued upon arrival to Hemingway Marina. Participants in the race can stay in the country for a period up to 30 days. Those wishing to stay longer may apply for an extension for another 30 days.

All participants may stay aboard their vessels during the time spent at Hemingway Marina. There will be berthing for all ships and of 120V AC.

Regarding accommodation, it is true that the Havana Trade Fair falls around those dates and we assume that this year involves many US business representatives, so room availability will be very limited or nonexistent. There is the three-star all inclusive Aquarius Hotel at Hemingway Marina. I think it would be very convenient to have an estimate of the rooms that would be necessary. I think you probably have to make some payment in advanced for them.

I take this opportunity to reiterate my greetings and assure that all participants in the Pensacola - Havana Regatta will never forget the hospitality they will enjoy during their stay in Cuba.

Yours sincerely,

Commodore Escrich