

PYC to HIYC Support Travel

This information is intended to guide travel for non-boaters planning to join the PYC racing boats upon their arrival. The regatta activities will primarily be centered out of the Marina Hemingway. As such, hotel accommodations in that general vicinity would be best.

Charter flights are available from Tampa twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Flights also depart daily from Miami International. A ferry service is available from Key West. The travel times and prices fluctuate. The PYC chartered flight is full.

The name of the travel agent for flights and hotels is Meybis and she can be reached by phone at 813.873.0533 or 813.877.3220. She may refer callers to other agents. There are also several websites that can provide assistance. Two are listed below.

Different travel sites have different information requirements, including the purpose of the trip. Recreational travel is not acceptable. A visa is required and, of course, a current passport with two blank pages and valid for six months at point of entry. The general cost of a visa for entry is \$75 and the exit fee is \$25. Please ensure you provide sufficient time to acquire the visa. Visa requirements are likely to change August 31st and the changes are unknown at this time but this page will be updated when the changes are known.

The timing of this event coincides with the Havana National Fair, which has limited the availability of hotel rooms. Travel costs and accommodations are subject to change. In addition to the below links, you may wish to explore hotel availability on Google and Trip Advisor. A few other websites are helpful as well for both flights and hotels: Cubatravelservices.com, cubaaccomadtion.com and cubaism.com. Hotel El Viejo y El Mar is no longer taking reservations. Hotel Acuario may be a good choice. Marco Stolfi, a PYC member, has coordinated hotel reservations, which may also be full by now. He can be reached at mvstolfi@msn.com.

Some locals will rent their houses (found on Google) but Meybis said some request a 75% deposit, which should be avoided. Just tell them you'll pay cash upon arrival.

Contact Randy Ray via email at randalray@me.com.

Useful websites include:

http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/cuba_faqs_new.pdf

<http://cubatravelservices.com/plan-trip/travel-requirements/>