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KEY WEST, FLORIDA (January 23, 2018) – Welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Conch Republic Cup! We will welcome the small fleet of competitors this year with our traditional Skipper’s meeting and Welcome party in Key West at the Schooner Wharf Bar and Grill January 26th. We are pleased and excited to join with Evalena and her crew at Schooner’s to host the Key West events this year. Schooner Wharf Bar and Grill has long been seen as “The”sailors bar in Key West and has a very long and storied history. As you may know they host the Wrecker’s Race Series, an “all-in-fun race series that recalls the tradition of the wreckers in the Key West of the 1800’s.”

<http://schoonerwharf.com/18wreckersrace.htm> Perhaps we will join them next year in one of their races as a kick off to the CRC 2019...



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At the welcome party we will have Coral Reef Sailing Apparel present with the one of a kind designed CRC2018 T-shirt and sailing gear available to for all competitors and public alike.

<https://www.coralreefsailing.com/index.php/regattas/conch-republic-cup.html> We have once again partnered with WRI, Weather Routing Inc., and Kattack. WRI is supplying weather data to all the participants again this year via email. They will provide regular updates as we approach the race and throughout the event. <http://www.wriwx.com/clientproduct.php?id=7900>

Kattack is providing the tracking software so we can monitor all the participating vessels and the public can watch as they cross the Gulf Stream to and from Havana.

We hope to have a good ole sailors send off for this regatta, thanks to Rum Drinks sponsored by Pusser's Rum. <http://pussersrum.com/>



Once the sailors arrive in Hemingway Marina and grab some well-deserved rest they will be treated to the sights and sounds of Cuba with the traditional pig roast at the Hemingway International Yacht Club, thanks to Commodore Escrich our gracious host in Cuba.



After a day of recuperation we will be racing against Cuban sailors in this year's Torreon de la Chorrera Buoy Race that runs the length of the Malecón. Competitors will sail by the US Embassy and along the

famous Havana skyline. The start is located at the entry buoy to Havana Harbor under the shadow of Castillo del Morro, the famous cliff side fortress, and runs to the Torreón de la Chorrera, another famous Cuban Fortress, at the mouth of the Almendares River.



The third leg of this race series will bring the competitors back to KW to celebrate the completion of CRC2018 with the awards banquet at Schooner Wharf Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We look forward to sharing this cultural exchange through sport that highlights the love, friendship and cooperation with our Cuban neighbors as we celebrate the 10th edition of the Conch Republic Cup Regatta.

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