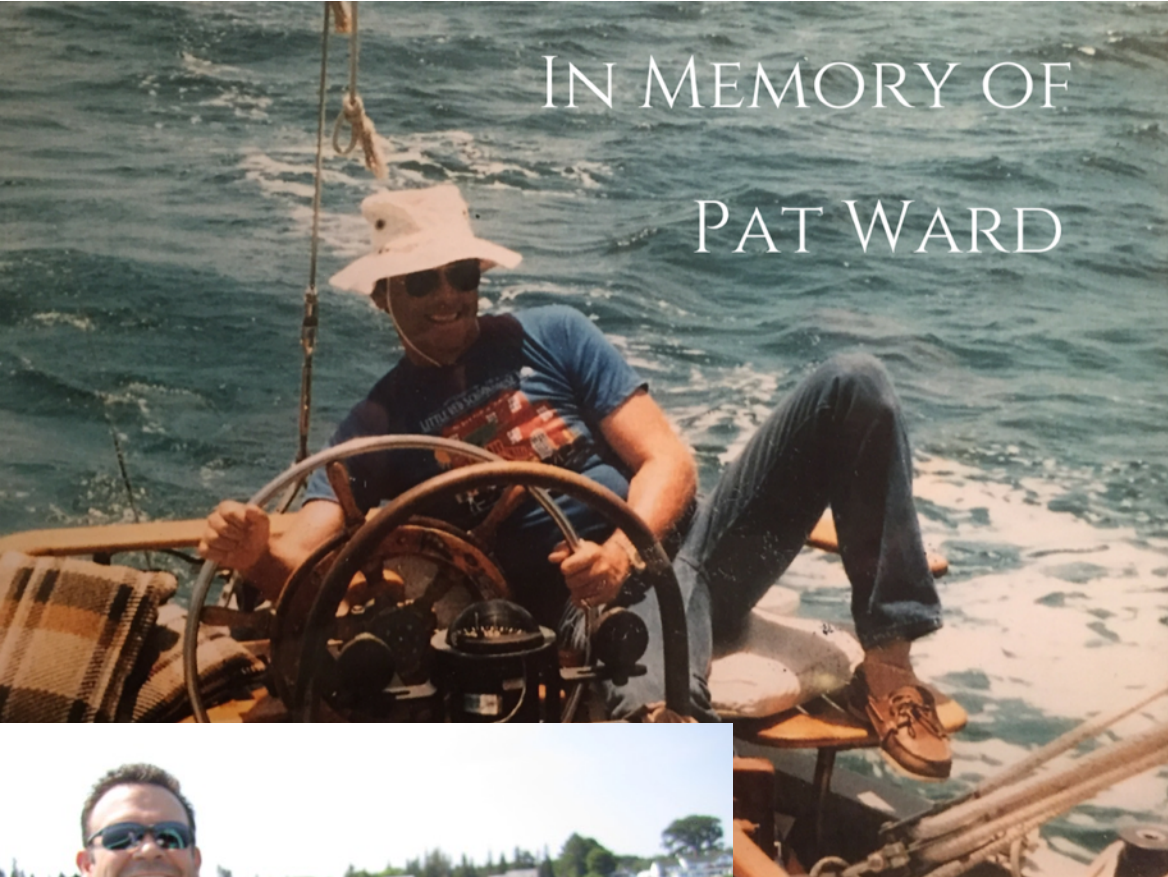




St. Petersburg Yacht Club
2018 St. Petersburg - Habana Race
February 24 - March 03, 2018

Cuba libre!





- First Race March 30, 1930 finished in the lee of Morro Castle at the Habana harbor entrance.
- 11 boat fleet and was won by the elegant schooner Haligonian owned by Houston Wall of Tampa.



Is It even legal to sail to Cuba?

In some cases, yes



1960 Ban on
US Travel and
other sanctions

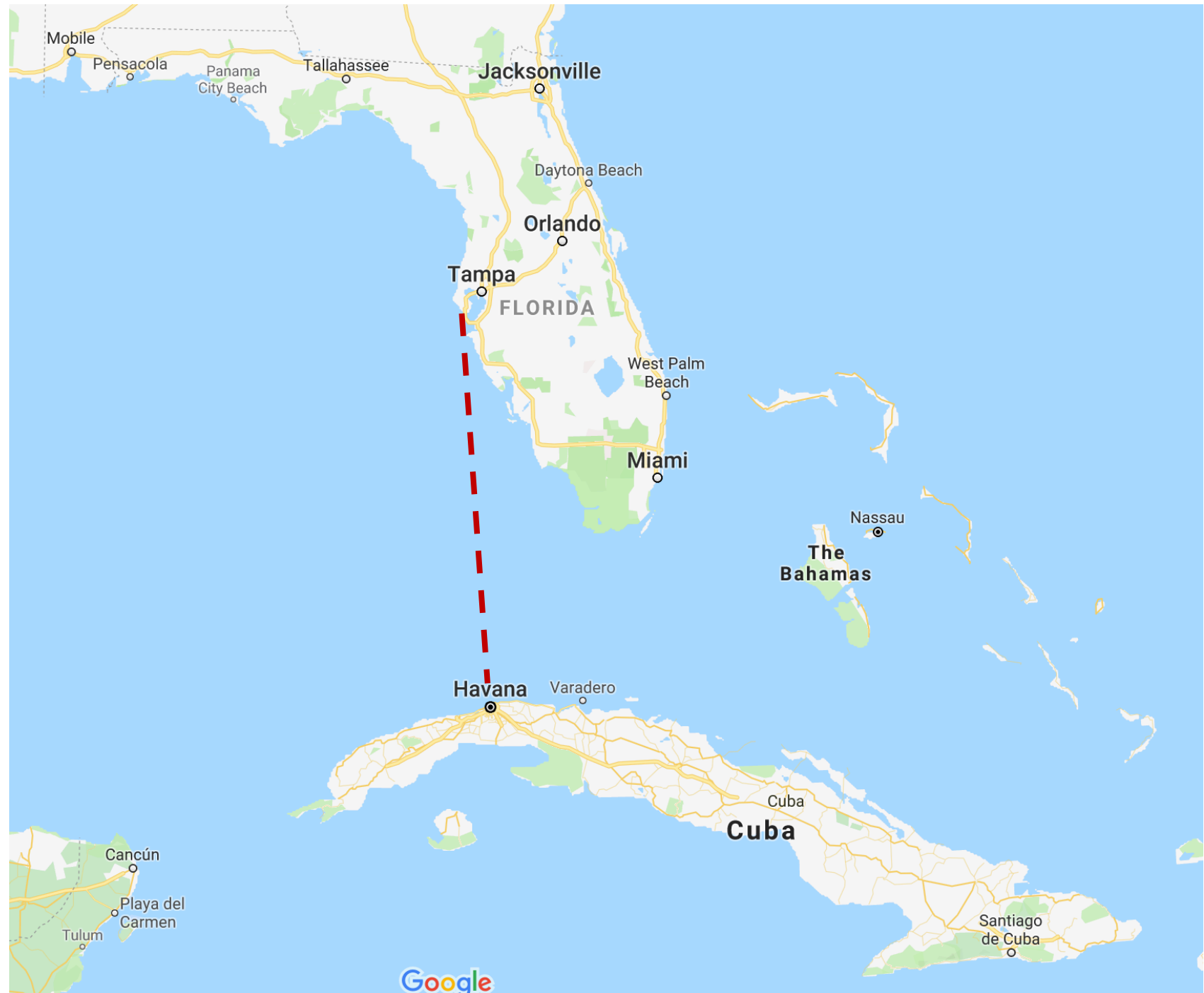
2015
Reestablished
some relations,
but still illegal
to do business

- Visiting relatives in Cuba (515.561)
- Journalistic activities (515.563)
- Professional research and meetings (515.564)
- Educational activities, including people to people travel (515.565 (a) and (b))
- Transmission of information or internet information materials (515.578)
- Religious activities (515.566)
- Athletic and other competitions and exhibitions (515.567 (a) and (b))
- Humanitarian projects (515.575)
- Private foundation or educational research (515.576)
- Support for the Cuban People (515.574)
- Official government business (515.562)
- Certain export transactions (515.545)



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- St. Pete to Havana
- 285 Nautical Miles
- Embargo – 10 categories
- “Sporting” Exception







What's it like to race on blue
water?

The Race!



- St. Pete to Havana
- 285 Nautical Miles
- Started with Schooners in early 1930s.
- Race suspended 1967-2017
- Revived 2017, 80 boats started, 22 finished (in 2017)



Race!

- Down the West Coast of Florida
- Through Rebecca Shoals
- Across the Florida Straights, through the Gulf Stream
- Into Cuban waters
- Finish outside of Marina Hemingway

	A Watch		B Watch		Skipper's Duties
	Watch Capt.	Watch Mate	Watch Capt.	Watch Mate	
Hour	Scott Carroll	Jerry King	Steve Ward	Andre DeLaReza	Russ Hoadley
0600					Skipper's Checks
0700					0700 BREAKFAST
0800					Nav & Log
0900					
1000					
1100					Check-In Call
1200					1230 LUNCH
1300					Nav & Log
1400					Skipper's Checks
1500					
1600					
1700					1730 HAPPY HOUR
1800					1830 DINNER
1900					Skipper's Checks
2000					Nav & Log
2100					
2200					
2300					
2400					NIGHT SNACKS
0100					Skipper's Checks
0200					Nav & Log
0300					
0400					
0500					

Watch

Schedule

& Duties

Watch Duties	
Watch Capt.	Maintain Overall Safety
	Call All Hands
	Call Skipper
	Call Sail Changes
	Check Deck & Rig
Watch Mate	Keep Sharp Lookout
	Trim Sails
	Keep Hourly Log
	Re-Stock Drinks
On Helm	Steer Smartly
	Check AIS
	Check WX
	Check Radar

Skipper's Daily Duties					
Item	0600	1200	1800	2400	0300
Batteries	Charge	Ck	Charge	Ck	Ck
Genset	X		X		
Holding Tank	X	X	X	X	X
Bilge	X	X	X	X	X
Water Tank		X			
Galley	X	X	X		
Head	X		X		
Floors	X		X		
Deck & Rig	X	X	X	X	X
Night Snacks & Drinks	X	X	X	X	X
Skipper's Log Notes	X	DMG	X	X	
Sat Phone		X			
Spell Helm	X	X	X	X	X

Abandon Ship Duties	
Scott	Get Raft, <u>Emerg.</u> Water & Ditch Bag
Jerry	Same
Andre	Get Med Kit, EPIRB, Handheld VHF
Steve	Call Mayday
Russ	Get Log, Passports, Papers
All	Drink Water, Take Dramamine Get <u>Rxs</u> , Wallets

Boat Rules DO:	DON'T:
Wear PFD & Tether on deck	Steer More Than 1 Hour
Stay Alert	Distract Helmsman
Check All Unusual Sounds	Ignore Anything Unusual
Call Skipper If Any Issues	Leave Head Dirty
Carry Multi-Tool, Light & Watch	Waste Fresh Water or 12v
Sleep/Rest Whenever Possible	Go on deck w/o Tether

Blue Heron Specs

Catalina 425, sail #1



SPECIFICATIONS

LOA:	43' 6"
LWL:	39' 1"
Beam:	13' 8"
Waterline to masthead:	63' 6"
Draft:	6' 8" (fin keel) or 4' 11" (wing keel)
Ballast:	7,000 pounds
Weight:	17,500 pounds
Water:	114 gallons
Fuel:	56 gallons
Waste:	54 gallons
Sail area with jib:	940 sq ft

Blue Heron History & Tactics

- Designed by Gerry Douglas, Russ had weekly “tweaking” meetings
- 1.5 years old
- 3,484 miles to date
- Roller 150 genoa, in mast rolling main
- Heavy Emphasis on weather predictions
- “Long distance races won or lost at night” – Russ
- Shifts: two shift split, 6 hour days, 2x3hr night shifts
- Trim, trim, trim....

The Crew

The Skipper



- Russ Hoadley
- Over 70,000 miles long distance racing
- Started sailing florida
- Met Steve when sailing in NOLA

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Scott Carroll

- Florida Native
- Started sailing on Snarks at age 9, Hobie 16s in College
- Owns ***Painkiller*** (33 ft Doral Elegante) docked next to Blue Heron



Jerry King

- Florida Native
- Owns ***Send Me*** (Rinker 320 Express Cruiser) docked in St. Petersburg
- First time crewing on a sailboat (started right!)

B Shift



Steve Ward

- Owner sailATX // AYC Member
- Started sailing at 8 yo on his dad's Hunter 27
- Owns ***Temporary Sanity*** (Catalina 270)

Andre de la Reza

- AYC Member, C Fleet Captain
- Started sailing Hobie 16 in 2015
- Owns ***Los Monos*** (Pearson 26 SD)

Race day



Left Davis Island at sunrise

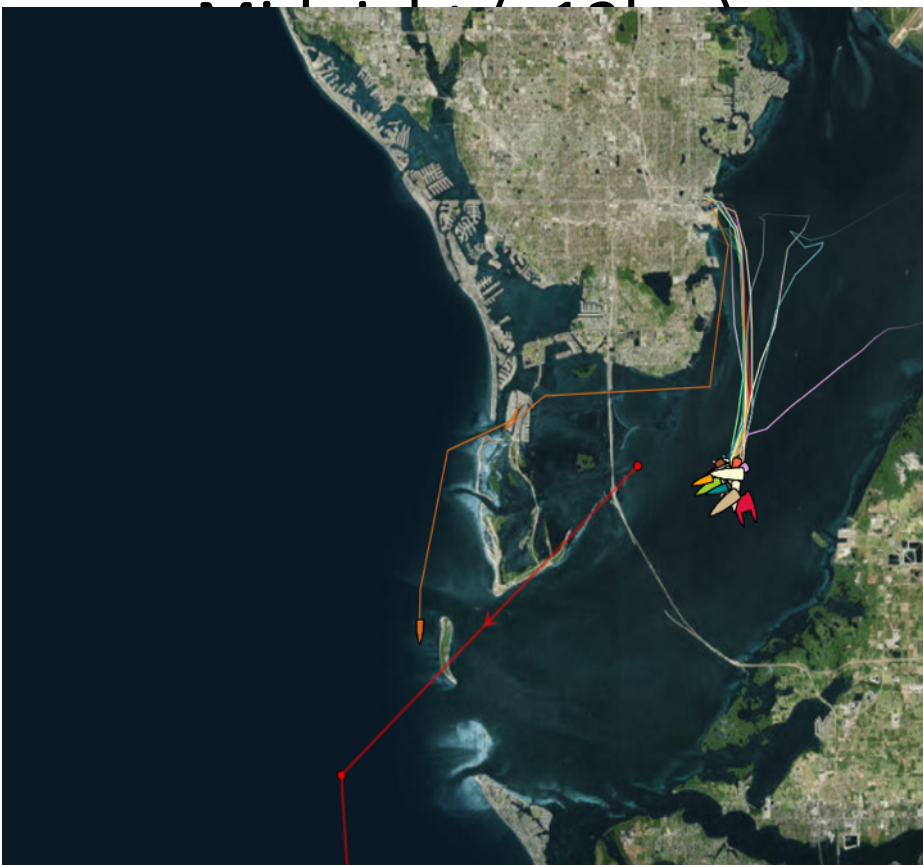
Tall Ship *Lynx*
Square topsail schooner
122' / 96 tons



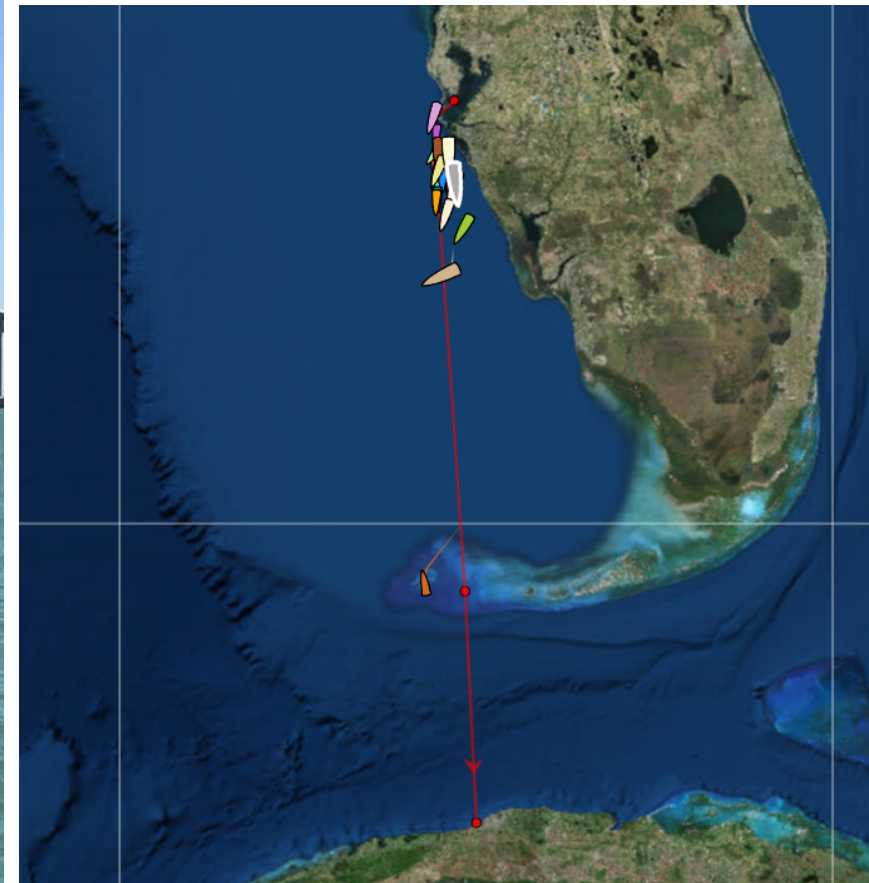
GOT TO START LINE EARLY, MADE FRIENDS

The first 12 hours

The Start



Sunshine Skyway
Bridge



The first day, a few hours after clearing Tampa bay

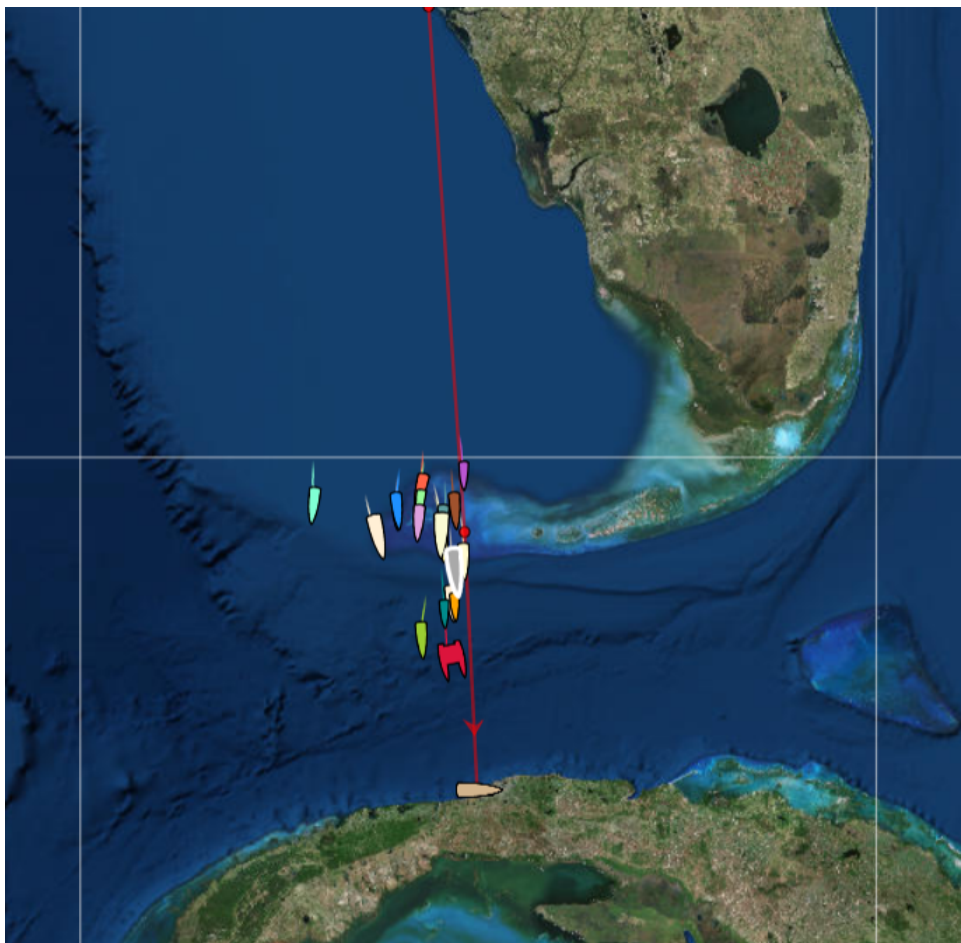
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The Third and Final day

Noon (+48hrs)



Midnight



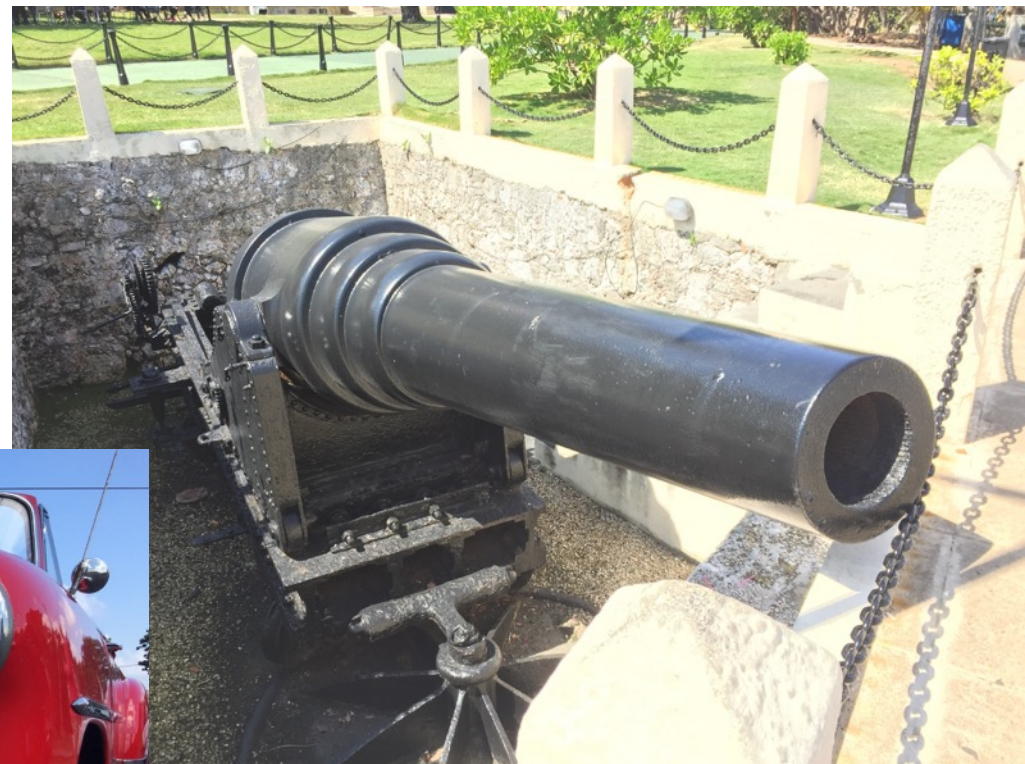
The Finish Line

a.k.a “It was a dark and stormy night...”



CUBA: Shore Liberty

Hotel Nacional de Cuba







Fusterlandia
in the neighborhood of Jaimanitas
outside Havana,



Two Currencies: Only Country in the world with two official currencies

National Currency – CUP
"koop"

"Tourist" Currency – CUC
"kook" 25x more value



CUBA: Nautical Parade

Watch the video! (on desktop)



Cuba: The Party and the Prize!

First place – cruising division





Questions? Stories? Suggestions?

Thanks for coming, it was
amazing and inspiring!

Steve



Going
62' Up!

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