



## **Sarasota Yacht Club to Host International Event Planning for 100+ Sailboats May 2010**

Plans to conduct the Sarasota-Havana Regatta on May 16, 2010 are moving forward! With the regulations currently in place we have applied to obtain a license from the Office of Foreign Assets Control and other regulatory bodies to enable us to travel to Cuba.

### **The Mission**

"The mission of the Sarasota-Havana Regatta is to promote ethical behavior among sailors and encourage the teaching of life-long lessons, which seek to build character, foster teamwork, and strengthen respect for oneself, others, the marine environment and foster good will between the sailing communities of Cuba and the United States of America."

The Sarasota-Havana Regatta will raise funds to support the Sarasota Youth Sailing Program and the Youth Sailing Program of the Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba for the purchase of Optimist, 420 's and Laser boats (internationally recognized craft for Youth Sailing Programs) and related equipment and Educational Programs which are designed to encourage young Cuban sailors to experience the joy of sailing and to teach the essential elements of boat handling, seamanship, water safety skills and racing in a safe wholesome environment."

### **Looking Ahead**

It is hoped that this effort will also ultimately foster competitive sailing between the Sarasota Youth Sailing Program, which is supported by the Sarasota Yacht Club, and the Youth Sailing Program of the Hemingway International Yacht Club.

We hope that this regatta can raise up to \$20,000 annually for the Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba to use for the stated purposes. Under the current regulations this equipment will be purchased in the USA and delivered to the HIYCC as part of the Sarasota-Havana Regatta.

The Task Force is planning for a Regatta of 100 sailboats with a powerboat contingent that will carry all necessary supplies and serve as safety vessels as well as delivering the purchased equipment for the Youth Sailing Program in Cuba.

### **Sarasota-Havana Regatta Information**

Current information about the regatta is available on the SYC Foundation website [www.syccharitablefoundation.org](http://www.syccharitablefoundation.org) Under Events, click on the link to the Sarasota-Havana Regatta. Details on the Race, Schedule of Events etc. are all there and you can join the mailing list to receive information by email as it becomes available.