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**Video Fundraiser for U.S. – CUBA Youth Sailing**

TheSailingChannel has just released a new 38-minute HD video, ***CUBA: Forbidding...Forbidden***, featuring noted Canadian sailing writer and professional charter skipper, Wally Moran. This video is an expanded version of Wally's Cuba seminar, which he gave at the 2009 Annapolis Sailboat Show. It adds additional information to his November '09 SAIL Magazine feature article on cruising the north coast of Cuba.

The video is priced at \$12.99 for a 720p (1280x720) HD Video Download. TheSailingChannel is providing \$3.00, from the sale of each video, to the Sarasota Yacht Club Charitable Foundation, sponsor of the *Sarasota to Havana Regatta* scheduled for May 16, 2010. Funds from the video and the Regatta will support the Sarasota Youth Sailing Program and the Youth Sailing Program of the Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba. TheSailingChannel is proud to be part of this effort.

ABOUT THE VIDEO... Filmed on the Severn River near Annapolis, MD, Wally opens by describing his "CubaHamas" route from Florida, across to the Bahamas, and down to Cuba on easy day sails. He goes on to cover provisioning, money, medical issues, firearms, navigation, clearing in, paperwork, trading with the locals, fishing, marina facilities and repairs, farmer's and artisan markets, Cuban music, best ways to explore on land, the upcoming *Sarasota to Havana Regatta*, and more. To purchase and for more information, go to <http://www.thesailingchannel.tv/cuba>.

ABOUT THE SARASOTA TO HAVANA REGATTA... May 16, 2010 is the start of the inaugural *Sarasota to Havana Regatta*. This is the first regatta to be held between a U.S. and Cuban yacht club in many years. Over 100 sailboats are expected to race with another 50 joining the fleet as support vessels. A major goal is to promote good will between the sailing communities of Cuba and the United States.

It is currently illegal for U.S. citizens to travel to Cuba without special permission. The Sarasota Yacht Club is in the process of obtaining all necessary U.S. Government approvals for boats and crews. To enter a boat, sign up as crew, and get more information about the Regatta, please visit <http://www.syccharitablefoundation.org/SYC-Havana-Regatta-1650.html>.

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