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An ever increasing number of visitors from all over the world are attracted to Cuba's pristine marine environment for excursions, diving, fishing and other marine related activities, and the Ministry of Tourism (Mintur) is working to meet the increasing demand.

Spokesmen for nautical companies Marlin S.A. and Logisprint, from Cuba and Spain, respectively, recently announced the forthcoming launch of the Cayetana catamaran, to cruise the coastline of Havana - a city visited by more than one million travelers per year.

Marlin director, Francisco Díaz said that the vessel, with a capacity for 100 persons, will sail five times a day from the city's old quarter to the opposite end, and will provide bilingual (Spanish-English) on- board entertainment.

The director explained that in bad weather conditions, the catamaran will tour the Havana bay area only. Marlin is a company affiliated to the Cuban Ministry of Tourism.

For his part, Logisprint chairman, Santiago del Río, told Prensa Latina that the initiative arose as the result of tourist demand, who will soon enjoy the capital

city's urban landscapes from the sea, learn about its history and appreciate its architecture.

According to sources, the Cayetana catamaran will sail under the name Los albatros de La Habana. Marlin S.A. offers tourists a wide range of services nationwide, including life on board, sport fishing, diving, trips and cruises.

The company also organizes and hosts different events, such as the Ernest Hemingway Swordfish Fishing Tournament, to run this year from May 29 to June 3, 2017.

The tournament, created in 1950, is one of the oldest events of its type in the world. Marlin also organizes an annual underwater photography competition and other prestigious events, in addition to conducting training courses.

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