Subject: Group Trip Across the Atlantic Posted by Ross Russo on Sat, 17 Jan 2015 03:45:18 GMT

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I don't know if any of you remember a thing called the Cayman Caravan. It was a trip from Key West, over Cuba, to Grand Cayman. Paul Bertorelli (Aviation Consumer, IFR Magazine) and I were the organizers, and we did it for around 15 years or so. Our biggest year had 125 airplanes making the crossing. I've had a bit of experience with groups making international overwater flights, albeit not over the North Atlantic.

In reality, there's no need for everyone to make the crossing at exactly the same time -- people can pair up (or gang up) based on their individual schedules. I'd want to go at the same times as Ken Murphy, 'cause he's a wild man and would probably buy drinks (once he's had a few). Oh yeah, Tim Stanley too.

Same goes for schedules once we're in Europe. Sharing our itineraries would make it pretty easy for people to get together for common destinations.

Returns are even easier, since we'll already have been through the same airports and procedures on the way east.

I'm thinking I'd like to take about two weeks for the whole trip.