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To/From Airport transfer, Boats fee balance, Immigration routes, Environmental awareness

Dear Skippers,

The organization of our fun event is progressing well with a secured fleet of **46 boats and their crew**. The **Skipper and Boats** updated list is available on the official [website](#). Thanks to all the skippers who have sent the **Agreement & Disclaimer** with their **Crew List** and **Team pictures**; unfortunately, there are still **too many missing** (4 Disclaimer and 16 Crew Lists outstanding up to now !!).

Land transfer to/from the 2 airports in the area and the ECC starting and ending locations have been arranged with SeaFolks, see below the details.

The search of further sponsors is still active, so if you or your crew got information of possible sponsorship, please check it out!

Land transfers from and to the airports

We found a local partner handling your requests for bus/taxi transfers to and from the airports in the area (Palermo – [PMO](#), Trapani-Birgi – [TPS](#)).

Angela Infantone from **SeaFolk**, e-mail: info@seafolk.it

SeaFolk is also a partners of ours which is providing part of the fleet for ECC. Very efficient and kind. Each skipper can sum up the requests from his crew and contact Angela with a detailed request.

The established fares (total price) are:

- **Palermo** airport → **San Vito lo Capo** where ECC will start: up to **4 pax**: 160€ / up to **8 pax**: 190€
- **Marsala** (ECC final location) → **Palermo** airport: up to **4 pax**: 130€ / up to **8 pax**: 160€
- **Marsala** → **Trapani-Birgi** airport: up to **4 pax**: 40€ / up to **8 pax**: 80€



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Boats price, balance due

The payment for the second part of the boat price is due in these days. Some already paid it.

Note that the full price includes a boat **insurance** which targets our type of event.

At the boat checking you will be asked for the typical **Security Deposit** (~2000-3500€ per boat). You have some options to pay or "re-insure" this amount. It is a personal decision taken by each skipper. The crew should be aware of that. You can decide at the check-in which option you prefer. Even if you already clicked on an option in your boat Sailogy page, then at the local check-in you need to confirm the choice.

Migrants' routes from Africa

You might be aware from the recent news that south Italy was involved in dramatic cases of **migrants** at sea with several dead people. We are very sorry about this concerning trouble where people are taking such high risks looking for a better life.

As Organizing Committee, we can tell you that the particular area of ECC-2023 is not sitting on the direct routes of migrant, even being not far. On the path from Africa, there are other Italian islands that are closer to their routes and are mostly used as a first lading zone. We double checked asking the locals and they confirmed that in that particular zone the risk of meeting migrant boats is basically 0.

To be at least mentally prepared, we, as sailors, are thinking of what we could do in case of such a situation would happen close to us. Of course, helping at sea other people in danger is in our DNA and also mandatory. However, the captain and the helper in general need to remember that the **safety** of his/her own crew, for which he/she is responsible for, must come first. Any action in the sea which might put in danger the crew must be carefully evaluated before being taken. Thus, helping capability might be limited for a small vacation vessel like the one we will sail. In most cases, the best we could do is to inform the authorities, stay in the area to relay radio messages and to monitor the situation. Getting too close might be worse as it could trigger panic reaction. It's sad. We have to be aware. But we will surely have no such cases during our relaxing week.

Environmental awareness and CO2 compensation of flights

The OC ECC2023 decided to keep an eye on the environmental impacts of the ECC and if easily feasible, reduce them. It is not meant to be a revolution: it's the desire to adopt a conscious approach especially in concrete matters, with the aim to contribute to the protection of the wonderful natural sites the ECC was organized in through all these years.

One of the main impacts in terms of carbon dioxide of the ECC week is probably generated by the flights in and out of Sicily. Therefore, we would like to remind to all crews the possibility to compensate the carbon dioxide emissions of their own flights. Such options are offered by most airlines directly or can be by agreed to via specific organizations (www.myclimate.org, <https://www.atmosfair.de/en/offset/fix>, ...).



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Carbon offsetting flights doesn't get rid of the carbon dioxide produced by the flight – that still goes into the atmosphere. What it does is to finance projects that will reduce it somewhere else instead, which will slowly contribute to the overall global increase in carbon dioxide levels. Participating in such a scheme is obviously a personal choice that has to be taken voluntarily.

Crew List, Disclaimers and Team Pictures

We kindly remind the **16 of you that didn't send us [Crew List Rev 2](#)** yet that the **term** - 31st of January 2023 - is definitely expired.

Please, send the [Crew List Rev 2](#) to ecc2023.commodore@gmail.com with copy to sasha@highpointyachting.com.

Even if you don't have the final crew information, please, complete the form anyway with your best estimate of crew and return it as soon as you can, then you will update with the missing data by sending another crew list as soon as they are available to you.

Note: we added two additional columns in the classic crew list table to collect food choice information to better match people preferences or food intolerances/allergy.

All the skippers who didn't send the **ECC Agreement and Disclaimer** yet are also kindly asked to sign it and e-mail it back as soon as possible. At the moment 4 disclaimers are missing.

There are also **16 Team Pictures missing** to complete the ECC fleet section in the logbook, which, we remind, will be distributed in electronic form only (pdf file). If you wish to be "graphically" represented in the logbook's page dedicated to your boat, please send your image.

Find a boat / find a crew

If you are looking for crew to complete your boat or are willing to take additional people on board, please contact us directly via ecc2023.commodore@gmail.com. The other way is possible too: if you are looking for a boat or if you know somebody who would like to join the event but have no available berth, send a message to us. We will help to find the match among them.

Sponsorship

The search of further sponsors is still active, so if you or your crew got information of possible sponsorship, please check it out!

The [Sponsorship Presentation](#) is available on the www.eccsailing.com with the description of the sponsor opportunities and all the details about the 3 predefined packages. The OC is obviously ready to offer further support and information.



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