



ENGINEERING CHALLENGE CUP 2025 BULLETIN 04 Reece ECC 2025

Dear ECC Skippers,

I think we all know that North Sardinia is one of the most interesting locations for sailing, but we are engineers, and we love when we confirm our own ideas with experimental evidence 😊.

The reece was wonderful both because of the places and because of the team.



From left to right: Max, Sasha, Davide, Franco, Daniele, Angelo

We have a mix of international experience and local knowledge that will make ECC 2025 another remarkable event in ECC history.

The ECC 2025 concept: Sailing, Socializing, Exploring

The three priorities that are guiding the definition of ECC 2025 Route and plan are: Sailing, Socializing, Exploring

Many of the ECC skippers know the area, and ECC was already here in the past, so we decided to confirm some of the places most in line with ECC spirit (e.g. Porto Massimo) and add a selection of local experiences.

We want to have the chance to stay together, celebrate our community that in 2025 will hold its 30th edition of ECC

As far as “exploring” we would like to get in contact with the territories in the area both with local tastes and with a couple of ideas along the route that will be an experience that we will remember.

Above all, we have the priority of **safety**, enjoying our time without unnecessary risks. This led us to make some choices (e.g. excluding Cavallo and other Bonifacio Channel destinations that are wonderful but more subject to weather risk)

Moreover, safety will drive the daily choices on the route during ECC 2025.

The ECC 2025 storyline

The route we drafted is described below.

As usual, consider it a draft as we are fixing the agreements with the marinas and local counterparts... and we are engaging our sponsors to support this wonderful program.

Saturday 17th May 2025: Welcome party in Portisco

We drink a glass of prosecco, celebrate the new skippers, meet old friends, and get to know our boats.

Portisco is a nice marina, and it will be basically dedicated to ECC.

Portisco is also equipped with a good supermarket for groceries, so a nice place to warm up and prepare for the week.



Sunday 18th May 2025: Jose Miguel Martinez Regatta and Anchoring in Tavolara

If the weather conditions are favorable, we will sail southbound to a wonderful place where nature and sea are unique.

We will anchor in a crystalline bay protected from Mistral winds, reset our minds and get together.

Dinghies will land ashore for a dinner at the local restaurant “Tonino”.

After good food and wine, reach your boat with your dinghy 😊



Monday 19th May 2025: Dutch party in Poltu Quatu

Poltu Quatu is a wonderful scenery for another ECC-Centric mooring.

During the recce we were welcomed by a memorable rainbow that convinced us to return to Poltu Quatu with the full crew.

The marina is the perfect scenery for our Dutch Party (also because the hotel and the restaurant are under renovation, so we are happy to feed the crew with Gouda and Beer)



Tuesday 20th May 2025: Shopping and relaxing in La Maddalena

After a day of sailing in the core of the La Maddalena Archipelago, we will rest in the nice little town of La Maddalena. A good chance for shopping, refiling the groceries and preparing for the next day

Wednesday, 21st May 2025: Barbecue in Porto Massimo

We decided to test Porto Massimo capacity again.

50 Skippers + support boats in the little port surrounded by red rocks and blue sea.

We will squeeze as we did in the past, enjoy the place and enjoy a barbecue on the pier as an addition to the drinks and other food from our boats.



Thursday, 22nd May 2025: ECC party in Porto Cervo

Porto Cervo is the home to many of the most iconic regattas in the Mediterranean Sea, and ECC is among them.

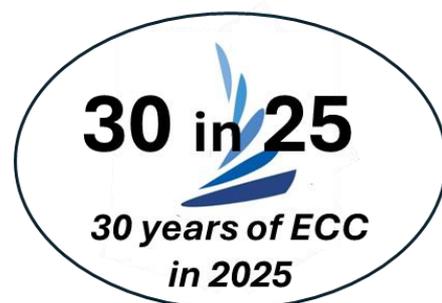
After another wonderful sailing day the La Maddalena Archipelago, we will moor in front of the Yacht Club and enjoy a dinner prepared by “Insula” that will showcase some of the most interesting traditional tastes in foods and wines from Sardinia.

Friday, 23rd May 2025: Prizegiving and “30 in 25” Celebration

We will have a Commodores’ meeting in the morning in Porto Cervo, before giving the start to the last leg of our journey in the waters of North Sardinia Sea.

“30 in 25” reminds us that the 30th edition of ECC that is held during the 2025 ECC event. We deserve a celebration!

In Portisco we will celebrate the winners of 2025 ECC (and organizers of 2026 ECC), and we will celebrate all the ECC crews that have created such a fantastic community



Budget transparency

We are engineers, so we are budget-conscious persons by definition.

We started ECC organization early in order to secure the boats at a reasonable price, we selected a location with a good logistic and we are doing our best to keep the costs to our crews aligned to the previous editions.

Just to give you a high-level idea of the budget, the current cost estimates for 2025 edition sum up to approx. 350.000 – 400.000 eur

- 250.000 – 280.000 for charters, support boats, marinas, race committee, local experts, safety equipment, etc.
- 100.000 – 130.000 for events, dinners, gadgets, flags, numbers, medals, etc.

The first bulk is a Must-have, not only because for a sailing event we need the boats, but also because we need the other items for safety priorities. This amount is covered by the Charter Packages Sasha is preparing for each crew.

The second bulk is less mandatory, and we can fine-tune the shaping of the costs according to the availability of resources. This amount is covered partially from registration fees (c.a. 40%) and the remaining parts comes from our sponsors.

This is the main reason why the ECC 2025 program is still a draft, and with our sponsors' contribution we will finalize it until the last minute. Stay tuned!

Next steps

On Monday, 4 November, we will publish the boat list and the lottery results. On Tuesday, the boat allocation will start.

As usual, you will receive an email from Sasha's team asking for your 1st and 2nd choice, from the group that you are in (Small / Medium / Large / Commodores). Please reply within 24hrs to allow fast allocation for everyone.



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Max Panaro, Commodore ECC 2025 & Boat 97 team