



ENGINEERING CHALLENGE CUP 2025 BULLETIN 06

Boat assignment (*Ubi amici, ibidem opes*)

Dear ECC Skippers,

Last Bulletin's sub-title was Cicero's statement "*Fortuna caeca est*" (*Fortuna* is blind) because in 2024 I was the skipper with the lowest priority in the boat selection process, Oktana was a boat equipped with a self-tacking jib, and today I am here writing this bulletin.

The boat assignment process required some extra energies and allowed Sasha to collect some important evidence and feedbacks.

Seneca answered Cicero "*Habet etiam mala fortuna levitatem, meliora proponere*": also bad luck is temporary and you must strive for improvement. Therefore, we have been discussing with Sasha if we can improve our boat assignment process and we will share some thoughts with the Commodores in Sardinia.

Even if, charter sailing is increasingly being recognized as a holiday format rather than a sport, leading to a rise in features such as self-tacking jibs, autopilot systems, and entertainment devices. (see the fake news in appendix), we are happy to announce that the **Boat assignment process is concluded and here you can find attached the results** (also published on website).

We thank all the skippers for their cooperation!



ECC 2025 Crews and photos

In the next days each skipper will receive a mail from ECC2025 with 3 requests:

- 1) Fill in the crew data to be uploaded in Superevent App. For the boats that participated last year, we will pre-fill the form with 2024 data to be confirmed or updated
- 2) Based on the actual crew size, we will ask to integrate the participation fees (150€ p.p.) if applicable
- 3) Share a picture of the crew for the logbook

ECC 2025 Sponsors

I am glad to share that we already received the good news that REON will be sponsoring ECC also in 2025. We will work in the next weeks (and months) to share the sponsorship opportunity with the traditional sponsors and with new ones.



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Max Panaro, Commodore ECC 2025 & Boat 97 team



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Elon Musk Sets Sail with New Self-Sailing Boat

Palo Alto, CA – January 10, 2025 – After revolutionizing the automotive industry with self-driving cars, Elon Musk is now turning his attention to the high seas. Today, Musk announced his latest venture: the world's first self-sailing boat, aptly named "NautiMusk."

"Why stop at cars?" Musk quipped at the press conference. "The ocean is the next frontier for autonomous technology. Plus, I needed a new hobby."

The NautiMusk promises to navigate the seas with the same precision and innovation that Tesla brought to the roads. Equipped with advanced AI, solar panels, and a built-in karaoke machine for those long voyages, the NautiMusk is set to make waves in the boating world.

Musk's new venture has already garnered interest from tech enthusiasts and pirates alike. "Finally, a boat that can sail itself while I relax with a piña colada," said Captain Jack Sparrow, a self-proclaimed pirate and early adopter.

The NautiMusk is expected to hit the market later this year, with pre-orders starting at a modest \$1 million. "It's a small price to pay for the future of sailing," Musk added with a wink.

For more information, visit <https://eccsailing.com/nautimusk/>.