



ENGINEERING CHALLENGE CUP 2026

BULLETIN 01

Pre-Registration

Dear ECC Skippers,

We would like to once again thank **Max Panero** and the entire crew of **Boat 97** for organizing a fantastic edition of the ECC in Sardinia. Our gratitude also goes to all sponsors and participants who made the Engineering Challenge Cup 2025 truly memorable.

Now, it's our honor to host **ECC 2026**. Together with Sasha, we've worked hard over the past weeks to shape the concept of the next edition—and we're excited to share the first details with you.



ECC 2026 Highlights

1. Location: Biograd, Croatia

We're excited to announce that ECC 2026 will take place in Biograd, a well-known sailing hub on the Croatian coast.

2. Why Biograd?

- Centrally located with excellent **logistical support**
- A coastline and sea **familiar to many ECC participants**, yet offering plenty of variety
- **Countless itinerary options**, both for competitive sailing and relaxed cruising

Biograd's combination of accessibility, facilities, and scenic surroundings makes it the ideal setting for next year's event.

3. Dates:

After analyzing public holidays, trade fairs and long weekends across Europe, we've selected the week of **May 9–16, 2026**. While there's never a perfect overlap, this period minimizes scheduling conflicts.

4. Costs:

We anticipated that early May would be more cost-effective. With good weather expected mid-May, we've already secured a provisional fleet and aim to **maintain ECC 2025 price levels**:

- **€150 registration fee per participant**
- **Same charter price ranges as last year**



ECC 2026 Entry list is now open

We are pleased to officially open the entry list for ECC 2026!

- A total of **195 eligible skippers** have been invited
- **Maximum number of participating boats: 50**
- Registration is on a **first-come, first-served** basis

Key Dates & Rules:

- Until July 15: Priority registration for eligible skippers
- After July 15: Any eligible skipper who hasn't paid loses priority
- Non-eligible skippers may apply immediately, but will be placed on a waiting list until July 30
- Final deadline: August 7 — any remaining spots will be offered to new skippers
- Once 50 boats are confirmed, registration will automatically close

Fees & Payments:

- Registration fee: €150 per participant
- Minimum 4 crew per boat → €600 per boat
- To secure the fleet at favorable rates, we kindly ask you to confirm your participation as soon as possible. Payment details will follow after registration

If you've received this invitation, please reply even if you're unsure or not joining, so we can plan accordingly.



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How to pre-register

Please reply by e-mail to ecc2026@isupports.eu with the following details:

- Name
- Boat Number
- Desired Boat Size (S / M / L)
- Expected Number of Crew Members
- Special Requests or Suggestions to make ECC 2026 a success

We're fully committed to making ECC 2026 an unforgettable edition. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and fair winds in the lead-up to Croatia!

Arnoud van de Merwe
Commodore ECC 2026

Team **Boat 07**