



## **ENGINEERING CHALLENGE CUP 2026 BULLETIN 03**

### **Entry list and next steps**

Dear ECC Skippers,

The pre-registration for ECC 2026 has been successfully completed and the fleet is secured. In this bulletin we share the provisional entry list, details of the fleet, the upcoming recce trip and the next steps in the boat selection process.

### **Registration Closed**

The registration for ECC 2026 is officially closed and we are pleased with the great interest and outcome:

- 49 skippers are registered
- All boats are well priced
- All entry fees have been received on the ECC account

Thanks to Sasha, the fleet has been successfully blocked and secured.

The ECC 2026 fleet has the following provisional composition:

- 9 Commodores
- 4 Small Boats
- 22-23 Medium Boats
- 13-14 Large Boats



## Welcoming new skippers

Alongside many familiar faces, we are pleased to welcome a few new skippers to the ECC community:

- Max Over
- Matteo Brugin
- Jaap van Nie
- Peter Teichmann

The full list of confirmed skippers can be found below.

## Entry list ECC 2026

Steffen Breiter	Paolo Napoli
Erik Koopman	Fabio Tognola
Matteo Brugin	Peter Bisschop
Max Over	Rudi Seibt
Tonno Van Bommel	Mario Rosendahl
Christian Bonk	Pieter Hadjidakis
Joachim (Joe) Lindemann	Michael Pleuser
Sieb Meijer	Claude Berteaud
Gilles Caprari	Emiliano Boccaletti
Christian Sievers	Jan van Middelkoop
Lutz Weise	Max Panaro
Rudolf Bueltermann	Ronny van Baal
Dietmar Czerny	Robert Winia
Philipp Conen	Dirk Demtroeder
Malte Strohm	Johan Clossen



John Hall Hall	Dennis Coenmans
Arnoud van de Merwe	Dieter Kenkenberg
Denis O'Brien	Bastiaan Timmer
Kees Bakker	Jaap Van Nie
Jan Gerd van Senden	Julian Dersch
Martin Fordham	Elvira Luykx
Ralf Braune	Juan Vacas
Stefan Nufer	Markus Bedenk
Kay Henrichs	Francois Abiven
Peter Teichmann	

One final slot is kept open for a potential “last minute” skipper — either a long-standing ECC friend we could not reach in time, or a new skipper suggested by one of the skippers.

## Preparations for the recce

In October, Boat 07 team together with Sasha will carry out the recce trip. The plan is to explore a mix of mainland marinas and island stops, so that we can design a route that is both practical and enjoyable. On the mainland we will visit our base and nearby ports by car, while by boat we will look at several islands in the Kornati region and beyond.



## BOAT SELECTION

- The 9 Commodores will sail a fleet of Bavaria 46C.
- The lottery for all categories will take place soon after the recce trip, date to be confirmed
- After the lottery, skippers will receive their boat confirmation directly from High Point Yachting.
- To secure the chosen boat, a 50% deposit will be required within one week of receiving the confirmation papers.

## Sponsorship - coming soon!

Sponsorship opportunities will be announced shortly, a limited number of committed sponsors will help bring the social side of the event to life, and in return enjoy strong visibility within the fleet and at the visited marinas.

Be among the first to join and secure your place as a visible part of ECC 2026!



We look forward to seeing you all in Biograd in May 2026,

Arnoud van de Merwe, Commodore ECC 2026, Boat 07

*On behalf of the Organization Committee*