



ENGINEERING CHALLENGE CUP 2026 BULLETIN 06

**Crew information form – Logbook update – Event communication
– New sponsors**

Dear Skippers,

Preparations for **ECC 2026** are moving ahead nicely. In this bulletin we share a short update on new sponsors, the preparation of the ECC logbook and the communication tool that will be used during the event. We also briefly look ahead to the preparations for the social programme during the event week.



Crew information – Please complete the online form

As part of the preparations for ECC 2026, we kindly ask all participants to complete the crew information form.

Each crew member should fill in the form individually. Skippers are requested to share the link with their crew and ensure that everyone completes the form in time.

The information provided will be used for event organisation purposes, including the crew lists, catering arrangements, clothing sizes and emergency contact information.

Please complete the form via the link below:

<https://forms.gle/C1A7XGv4LRoTn28a9>

Communication during ECC 2026

During previous editions of ECC, an event app was used for communication. Unfortunately, the provider of that app has recently gone bankrupt.

After evaluating several alternatives, the organisation has decided to use a WhatsApp Community with multiple channels as the main communication tool during the event.



This solution offers several advantages:

- we believe that almost all participants already use WhatsApp
- instant notifications for important updates
- separate channels for different types of information (bulletins, race information, social activities, etc.)
- simple and reliable communication for both crews and the organisation

Closer to the event you will receive an invitation link to join the ECC 2026 WhatsApp Community.

ECC 2026 Logbook – Final crew details and photo

Preparations for the ECC 2026 logbook are well underway and many crews have already submitted their team information and photos. Thank you for the great responses so far.

If you have not yet sent your details, please reply to this email with your team name, boat name, boat number, crew list (first and last names) and one crew photo.

A traditional group photo is not required. Several teams have chosen to combine individual crew photos into one image, which works very well for the logbook.

Deadline: Please send your information and crew photo before 21 March 2026 so we can include your team in the ECC 2026 logbook.



Preparations for the ECC event week

Preparations for the ECC 2026 event week are well underway. Several teams have already shared great ideas for the social programme during the week, including the popular Jetty Party, which is expected to be one of the highlights. Possible locations currently being explored include Sali and Marina Piškera.

Boat 44 has already contributed some creative suggestions and we are exploring possible themes that involve all teams. The idea is to make the Jetty Party a true “from everyone, for everyone” event, where crews bring a bit of their own country, music and atmosphere.

More details about the theme and how teams can participate will be shared in a future bulletin.

ECC 2026 Sponsors

The network of companies supporting ECC 2026 continues to grow. We are pleased to welcome several new sponsors who are helping make this year’s event even more special and memorable. Their support contributes to a great week of sailing, networking and social activities for all participants. Sponsors will be visible throughout the event week, including in the logbook, digital communication and during social activities.



[De Graaf Aandrijvingen BV](#) is a specialist in drive technology and power transmission solutions for a wide range of industrial applications. With decades of experience and strong technical expertise, the company supports clients with reliable and efficient drive systems. We are delighted to welcome De Graaf Aandrijvingen as a partner of ECC 2026.



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Several of these partnerships have come through the ECC network and participating crews. We thank everyone who helps connect companies to the event.

If your company – or a company within your network – would be interested in supporting ECC 2026, we would be happy to explore suitable sponsorship opportunities.

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