



ENGINEERING CHALLENGE CUP 2026 BULLETIN 07

WhatsApp Community – Logbook update – Event week preparations

Dear Skippers,

As ECC 2026 is approaching, preparations are now in their final phase. In this bulletin we share an update on the communication setup, the status of the ECC logbook, and what to expect during the event week.

ECC 2026 WhatsApp Community

As previously announced, a WhatsApp Community will be used as the main communication tool during ECC 2026.

The Community is now set up and structured with multiple dedicated channels, including:

- official bulletins
- race information
- social programme updates
- general announcements

Within the Community, only the 'Community Wall' allows members to post messages and share photos. All other channels are set to read-only, ensuring clear and structured communication from the organisation.

We kindly ask all skippers to **join the WhatsApp Community as soon as possible** and **share the link with their crew members**.

Important: messages shared in the Community before joining are not visible afterwards. **Early access is therefore strongly recommended.**

You can join the ECC 2026 WhatsApp Community via the link below or by scanning the QR code:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JxgSiKell0H2nFB39V9iAU>



A flyer with the QR code will also be included in the boat bags during the event.

ECC 2026 Logbook – Final update

The ECC 2026 logbook is currently in its final stage of preparation. We are pleased with the strong response from teams who have submitted their information and photos, thank you for your contributions.

The final version of the logbook is expected to be shared by the end of this week or early next week.

The logbook is designed as a companion for the event week, combining practical information with an overview of teams, partners and the spirit of ECC.

Teams & participants – final check

In the ECC 2026 logbook, all teams and participants are listed per boat. Please review the attached pages carefully (names, spelling and completeness). If any corrections are needed, please send them before 30 April. After this deadline, the information will be considered final for print.

Preparations for the ECC event week

ECC 2026 will take place as a journey along the North Dalmatian coast, with the fleet moving together from harbour to harbour throughout the week.

Route overview:

- Saturday – Biograd (arrival & welcome)
- Sunday – Žut
- Monday – Sali (Dugi Otok)
- Tuesday – Piskera
- Wednesday – Zlarin
- Thursday – Murter
- Friday – Biograd (prize giving)

Each location brings its own atmosphere, from remote island settings to more lively harbours, creating a balanced mix of sailing, social moments and shared experiences.

What to expect during the week

- Flexible daily schedule

Sailing times and daily planning will depend on weather conditions and race management. Final timings will be communicated during the event via the WhatsApp Community.

- Provisioning strategy is important

Biograd is the main location for provisioning. Some harbours during the week have limited or very basic facilities, so crews are advised to prepare accordingly.

- Combination of organised and informal evenings

Some evenings will include organised activities, while others are intentionally left open for crews to shape their own experience.

- Social highlights during the week

- Key moments (minimum) include:
 - Welcome evening in Biograd
 - Sali welcome drinks
 - (Dutch) Jetty Party in Zlarin
 - Social evening event (after diner drink) in Murter (dinner reservation recommended!)
 - Final evening and prize giving in Biograd

More detailed information per location will be shared in the logbook and via the WhatsApp Community.

New 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.

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[Testament Winery](#) is located along the Dalmatian coast near Šibenik and combines modern winemaking with a strong connection to local tradition and terroir. Benefiting from a unique maritime climate and mineral-rich soil, the winery produces expressive wines that reflect the character of the Adriatic region.



[Black Island Winery](#) (Merga Victa) is based on the island of Korčula and focuses on producing distinctive wines rooted in local heritage. By combining traditional craftsmanship with modern techniques, the winery creates refined wines that express the richness and character of the Dalmatian islands.



[Bureau Markant](#) supports organisations with marketing, communication and event organisation. For ECC 2026, Bureau Markant is responsible for the overall communication and supports the organisation of the event, ensuring everything runs clearly and consistently.

[HIGH POINT YACHTING](#)

[High Point Yachting](#) is a yacht charter broker with a long-standing connection to ECC. The company supports the event through the provision and coordination of the fleet, playing a key role in the on-water experience of all participants.

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

We look forward to welcoming you all in Biograd very soon for ECC 2026.

This will be the final bulletin before the event. The ECC 2026 logbook will be shared shortly, after which all further communication during the event week will take place via the WhatsApp Community.

We kindly ask all skippers and crew members to make sure they have joined the Community in advance.

See you in Biograd.

Arnoud van de Merwe

Commodore ECC 2026, Boat 07

On behalf of the Organization Committee

Crewlist

Boat 02 – Vela

Aumovio

Martin Schmoelders · Michael Schmitt · Matthias Jung · Alexander Streit · Jens Heuser · Bernd Becker · Hans Marek

Boat 05 – Kneginja

Admiral

John Hall Hall · Matt Slatter · Martine du Mesnil-Adelée · Ersilia Ingratta · Emma Resouly · Serena Smart

Boat 07 – Abiona

License to thrill

Arnoud van de Merwe · Hendrik Huisman · Cor van de Linde · Ron Vaz Dias · Johan Paulides · Aaldrik Haijer

Boat 09 – Dia

EC09

Denis O'Brien · Anne Auffret · Sasha Fabris · Mary Loftus · Jean-Jacques Auffret · Shaughn Mac Rea · Luca Mussati

Boat 10 – Donna 1

Boat 10

Tonno van Bommel · Daan van Leeuwen · Quirinus Gijberts · Elisabeth Brein · Harro van der Pluijm · Olivia Donk

Boat 11 – Anett

Leica Geosystems

Bastiaan Timmer · Christoph Bachmann · Aleksandar Jovanovic · Alexandra Knecht · Alice Lorenzini · Norbert Otte · Steve Schachtler

Boat 12 – ERIS

ART-Envi Services GmbH

Christian Bonk · Thilo Haunhorst · Ralf Gast · Peter Stromberger

Boat 13 – Cosmopolitan

Boat 13

Mario Rosendahl · Friedrich Baumgärtel · Magnus Rosendahl · Ferdinand Baumgärtel · Hermann Müffelmann

Boat 14 – Elara

Thyssenkrupp

Johan Cnossen · Susanne Rieck · Rob Faessen · Thore Lohmann · Sandra Cnossen · Syavasch Aarabi

Boat 16 – Rumba

Boat 16

Joe Lindemann · Bernhard Leibmann · Astrid Fröde · Ralf Fröde · Ute Leibmann · ?

Boat 18 – Luna 77*De Gidts & Feldman BV*

Kees Bakker · Jan Kruiniger · Ronald Bakker · Patrick Willems · Linda Willems

Boat 22 – Dancer*Dancer*

Dirk Demtroeder · Marcel Idsinga · Abdullah Al Haschmi · Annette Meyer-Deisenroth · Annette Theye · Monika Wohlfart-Demtröder · Sabine Dierkes

Boat 24 – Neo Star V*Team With No Name*

Martin Fordham · Hugh Proudman · Mick Humphries · Karen Bevan-Mogg · Andy Galliver · Natalie Stacey

Boat 25 – Bonnyta*Boat 25*

Sieb Meijer · Johannes Bijlsma · Dirk Bijlsma · Wiecher Kocken · Luc Lanclus · Andre Mark Schoute

Boat 26 – Elizia*Dr. Braune & Partner*

Ralf Braune · Dirk Seifert · Martin Reiners · Mikhail Chestin · Roman Mackowiak · Rudolf Jerrentrup

Boat 28 – Janus*Whynot?*

Stefan Nufer · Wilfried Stelberg · Sümer Cetinkaya · Thomas Uerschelen · Robert Schmitt

Boat 31 – Calisto*Med.crew31*

Jaap van Nie · Frans Vrijvogel · Marco Heijboer · Jos Werson · Rob de Jong · Wilco van de Linden

Boat 33 – SILENCE FOUR*WaterSportMarks*

Gilles Caprari · Edgardo Arcuri · Peter Moser · Fabio Torrisi · Raff Domeniconi · Xavier Bordoni · Manlio Campana

Boat 35 – AIOLOS I*JPS Nutech*

Paolo Napoli · Pietro Nava · Giacomo Profumo · Andrea Ottaviani · Giuseppe Nicolella · Paolo Podestà

Boat 39 – Bella III*Boat 39*

Kay Heinrichs · Sabrina Wessel · Meike Ulmer · Daniel Ahrend · Hannes Grafelmann · Sven-Ole Bork

Boat 40 – Nosandia*Sky-Access*

Ronny van Baal · Marin van Oorschot · Erik Warmink · Niels Bax · Anneke Crijns · Pieter Breedveld · Evert Kistenmaker

Boat 43 – CERES

UOP

Robert Winia · Dirk van Weehage · Kit van Weehage

Boat 44 – Cara

NORTH / EAST

Elvira Luykx · Hester Delhez · Tine van Heerikhuize · Merle Weil · Katinka Vliegghuis

Boat 45 – Ocean Rose

Lombardi

Fabio Tognola · Massimo Tognola · Raffaele Terranova · Massimo Cadenelli · Matilda Keci · Leandro Kaeher · Adrian PISOIU · Kevin John · Alberto Piazza · Federico Camparada

Boat 50 – EVODIA I

ECC 50

Peter Bisschop · Ernst-Jan Beukers · Richard van der Harst · Allard de Vos Klootwijk · Alex Ruiter

Boat 51 – Avior

Boat 51

Jan van Middelkoop · Jim Lawson · Ronald Pont · Theo Knobbe · Reinier Hillen · Coert Jan Tomassen · Onno Kok

Boat 54 – IO

Tapa Lovers

Christian Sievers · David Gigosos · Stefan Colby · Roberto Ovalle · Lluís Malagarriga · Axel Kollmann · Thorsten Schultz

Boat 55 – CATALEYA

Tri-Bord-Punch

Lutz Weise · Laurent Favier · Patricia Blaise-Caves · Antje Vera Sonnenberger · Vincent Favier · Tony Dos Santos · Frédéric Bertrand · Christine Bertrand

Boat 57 – Angel

Wind&Sonne

Rudi Seibt · Alexander Camek · Stefan Thieß · Monika Ritt · Andrea Eckert · Thomas Reichenbach

Boat 60 – Antares

BASF Engineering

Markus Bedenk · Andreas Eckert · Michael Knierbein · Franciso Mendoza · Frank Zimmer

Boat 65 – SUPERNATURAL

iSupports

Wim van Gunderbeek · Frank van Bodegraven · Richard Oosterhof · Peter van London

Boat 66 – Dreamweaver

SBTConsult

Erik Koopman · Casper Koopman · Leonard Koningswijk · Max van Dören · Arjan van Dören · Stefan Woudenberg

Boat 68 – Inox

INOX Partners

François Abiven · Marc Gareton · Carla Abiven · Cecile Gareton · Laurent Schmitt · Beatrice Schmitt

Boat 70 – Enigma

Marlijn

Pieter Hadjidakis · Eddo Cammeraat · Leen van den Ende · Rob Hogendoorn

Boat 71 – STUDIO 963

The Wild Zephyrs

Claude Berteaud · Enrico Possamai · Didier Micolaud · Richard Chantalou · Laurence Coufourier · Émilie Le Bot · Laurent Le Toux

Boat 75 – KATHARINA

Sail 75

Michael Pleuser · Peter Mannhart · Christian Edfeldner · Carsten Mannhart · Aljoscha Diepenbruck · Benjamin Hofmann

Boat 77 – METIS

Greensight

Juan Vacas · Jesus Calvo · Angel-Luis Crespo · Pablo Pons · Tomas Saiz · Javier Garcia

Boat 78 – Bella

The Others

Emiliano Boccaletti · Paolo Ferrarese · Paolo Fedeli · Dietmar Breuer · Thomas Werheim

Boat 79 – Albedo

Hegger + Partner

Dieter Kenkenberg · Heino Habedank · Claus Goralski · Gabi Kenkenberg · Nicole Schommer · Christian Hermann

Boat 81 – Sea Breez

SafetyWave

Rudolf Bültermann · Fritjoff Gehrke · Maximilian Legat · Andriy Danylyuk · Gunther Kuhn · Jonas Escher

Boat 84 – Blue Therapy

Sweco GmbH

Dietmar Czerny · Robert Hickl · Frank Hager · Roland Schröder · Elke Focken · Mohamad Hussein · Roman Mai

Boat 85 – Jupiter

Sailing Team Stulz

Steffen Breiter · Heimo Allemann · Mirko Hoffmann · Mike Maneck · Chris Heinemann · Tobias Funke · Thomas Rezentanz

Boat 86 – KETU

Endress+Hauser

Philipp Conen · Jochen Hess · Alp Camci · Djamel Herrous · Michael Böhler

Boat 88 – NALTOYA

The BURG DOLPHINS

Marko Juraga · Peter Teichmann · Karen Nutzenberger · Jens Neumann · Gerhard Brockschmidt · Thomas Speth · Ingo Lueschen

Boat 89 – MARGOT ONE

Sailwithus

Malte Stroh · Dietrich Neumann · Nikolaus Beiler · Wolfgang Betz · Martin Jubelgas · Albert Lossen

Boat 91 – Kore

Parallel 91

Matteo Brugin · Florin Badica · Neva Patocchi · Nicole Donati · Giacomo Armetti · Andrea Pedroncelli

Boat 97 – Rubin

Boat 97

Max Panaro · Antonio Filippo Maria Boni · Davide Broggin · Matilde Recanati · Eugenia Chioatto · Alessandra Trentin · Giorgio Schieppati · Sabrina Setini