



ENGINEERING CHALLENGE CUP 2026 BULLETIN 08

Final bulletin – Results & closing

Dear skippers, crews and friends of ECC,

What an incredible week we shared together in Croatia.

On behalf of the Organising Committee, thank you all for your enthusiasm, sportsmanship and energy throughout ECC 2026. From the first gathering in Biograd to the final evening together, the week once again showed what makes ECC so special: competitive sailing on the water, lasting friendships ashore and an international community that continues to grow stronger every year.

From Biograd to Žut, Sali, Piskera, Zlarin and Murter, every destination added its own atmosphere and memories to ECC 2026.






ECC 2026 results




After an unforgettable week on the water, we proudly congratulate all crews, skippers and teams who made ECC 2026 such a special edition.

From close racing battles to entertaining and fun evenings ashore, the spirit of ECC could be felt throughout the entire week. A special congratulations goes to this year's trophy winners:


ECC Fleet

-  CARA (Boat 44) — skipper **Elvira Luykx**
-  DIA (Boat 9) — skipper **Denis O'Brien**
-  ELARA (Boat 14) — skipper **Johan Cnossen**

Commodores Fleet

-  SILENCE FOUR (Boat 33) — skipper **Gilles Caprari**
-  BELLA III (Boat 39) — skipper **Kay Heinrichs**
-  ENIGMA (Boat 70) — skipper **Pieter Hadjidakis**

José Miguel Martinez Trophy

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Congratulations to all winners, and equally to every crew that contributed to the atmosphere, sportsmanship and friendship that define ECC.

The full official results are available on the ECC website:

<https://eccsailing.com/ecc-2026-results-photos/>



Commodore transfer

During the closing evening, Arnoud van de Merwe officially passed the role of Commodore to Elvira Luykx, who will lead the next edition together with her organising team.



We wish Elvira and the future organising committee all the best in preparing the next chapter of ECC.



Photos & memories

Thousands of photos and videos were captured throughout the week by participants, organisers and photographers, creating a fantastic collection of ECC 2026 memories.

A central photo folder containing highlights from the week will be made available shortly. The link will be shared soon through the ECC communication channels.

Throughout the event, the ECC WhatsApp Community proved to be a valuable platform for sharing updates, practical information and memories in real time.

In addition, boat and team-specific photo selections will be shared directly with the skippers.





Thank you

A sincere thank you to:

- all skippers and crews
- the volunteers and organising committee
- our race officers and supporting teams
- our partners and sponsors
- and everyone who contributed behind the scenes

ECC 2026 would not have been possible without your support, trust and enthusiasm. We hope the memories, friendships and stories created during this week will stay with you for many years to come.

Fair winds and see you again at the next ECC.

Kind regards,

Arnoud van de Merwe

Commodore ECC 2026

On behalf of the Organization Committee