

ECC 2009

16th Engineering Challenge Cup

2nd to 8th May 2009 - Palma

5th Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

Better late than never as the saying goes.... We now have only some 3 weeks to go.

In this Bulletin I would like to inform you of the following:

- Last minute Request for Returns Please:
 - Read, Sign and Return ECC Standard Disclaimer
 - Request for medical specialists to identify themselves
- General Status Update for ECC 2009
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- Logbook
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Good luck to you all with your final preparations ...looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Craig Warrender

Commodore, ECC 2009

ECC 2009 - PALMA



Last-minute Returns Please...:

1. Read, Sign and Return ECC Standard Disclaimer – Please see attached form. Could all skippers please read sign and return to me at Craig.Warrender@AgipKCO.com as soon as possible scanned copies of the ECC Disclaimer attached at the end of this bulletin. We will need one from everyone for your entry to be finally registered and race results accepted.
2. Request for medical specialists to identify themselves – For anyone who is able and willing to assist with medical emergencies within the fleet, please could you forward your mobile contact details to the Commodore as soon as possible either before the event or upon arrival. This proved very helpful last year.
3. Crew Finder – I have at least one person looking to join a boat. Any skipper interested in taking one or more please drop me a line and I will put you in touch with potential crew looking so you can discuss possibilities.

General Status Update for ECC 2009

It's been a very busy few months for all on the Organising Committee since last I wrote, so my apologies to all those that like a little more news. We have however been busy with the back room tasks involved with keeping ECC on track. Route planning, social planning, purchase orders for ECC sponsored shirts, decals, logbook, etc. the list goes on, and all pretty much complete now. We are almost ready to go and all beginning to look forward to some time in the Mediterranean, we hope with some sun and favourable winds...

Revised skipper entries for ECC 2009

Some inevitable with-drawls this year as per the cover of the logbook, downloadable at www.ecc-sailing.com

Status of Crew Lists

We are trying to update this to be as accurate as possible this week before we send out everyone's boxes, please assist Jakalyn in her endeavours by promptly responding if you are lucky enough for her to write for you to confirm details.

Logbook

All done and at the printers, hardcopy should be with us this weekend for onward distribution. Softcopy should be on the website (www.ecc-sailing.com) this week, all being well.



The Logbook has all the usual goodies in it with details of where we are planning to overnight, outline day races, this years updates on rules (note these have changed due to the new ISAF rules being issued for 2009-2012, so if you don't have a copy yet you can download a copy from our website), sponsors thanks, and who's who with us this year with photos all now pulled together for those submitted.

Report on Mallorca

After some thinking I decided it best to let people discover Mallorca for themselves. So in the logbook we have provided basic piloting and Mallorca specific information extracted from the local pilot that we trust you find helpful in your own planning.

Some of the photos of sites and sights we saw during our field reconnaissance follow to whet your appetite...



View from the RCNP



Meeting Charter Company Representatives



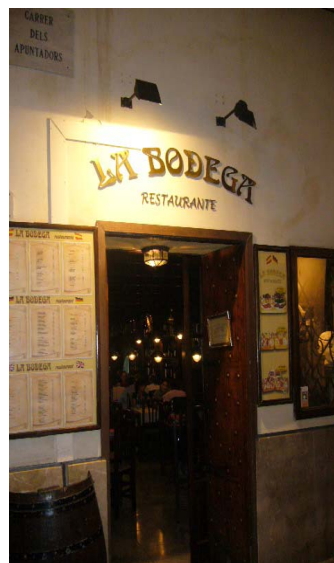
...to the left, no to the right, oh come on Victor...
and do we really have to go round the island in this..?



Exploring the west from Andraitx...



Soller



Danny....Danny....are you in there...?



Sampling of the Potential locations for events, now not all possible due to the size of ECC fleet and mooring constraints...





Many thanks to Victor, Macarena and their team for introducing us to Mallorca the Balearics, some of its delights, and for their great hospitality and assistance during our short stay. They have been great partners in helping to organise this next ECC event.

ECC 2009 here we come...!!!!

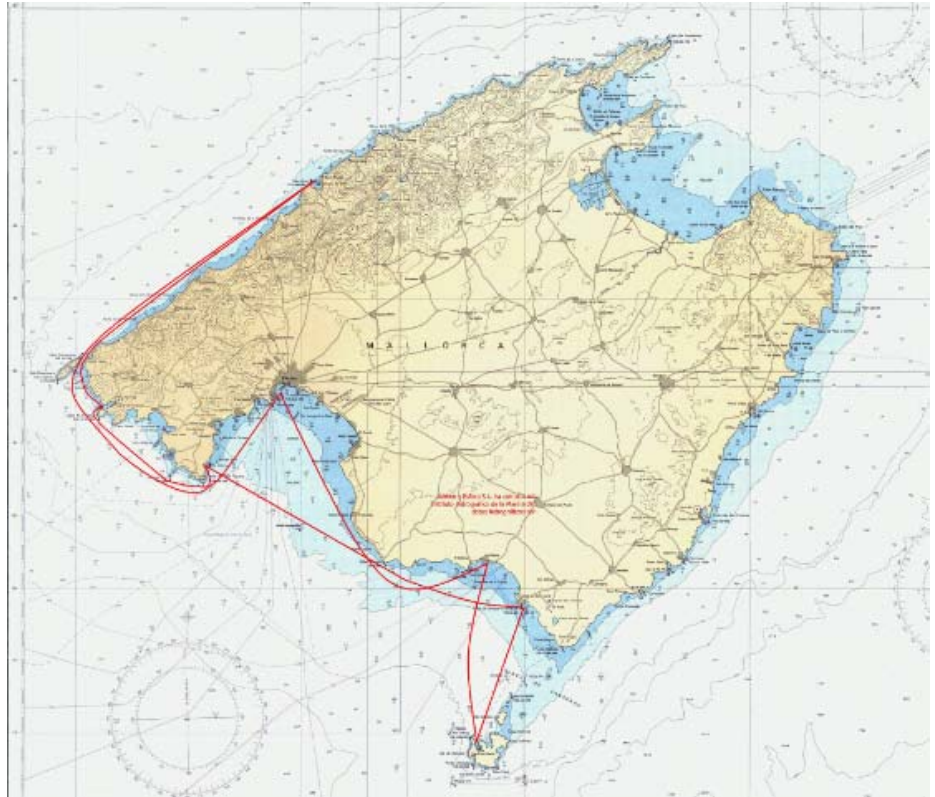


Outline Passage Plan

As per the logbook downloadable at www.ecc-sailing.com, but here now for your convenience....

- ECC 2009 will begin racing out of Palma on Sunday, May 3rd. Finish of the event will be on Friday, May 8th 2009.

The broad outline for the days and route, weather and other factors permitting, will be:



Day 0 Saturday 2nd May	Palma, check-out yachts, Welcome Party.
Day 1 Sunday 3rd May	Palma - San Telmo
Day 2 Monday 4th May	San Telmo - Soller (Plan B: Andraitx)
Day 3 Tuesday 5th May	Soller - Portals Vells (Plan C: Andraitx)
Day 4 Wednesday 6th May	Portals Vells - La Rapita
Day 5 Thursday 7th May	La Rapita - Cabrera - San Jordi
Day 6 Friday 8th May	San Jordi - Palma, Prize-giving party
Day 7 Saturday 9th May	Palma, check-in yachts by midday



Nominated Charity - Oceana and ECC Fundraising Efforts

In a challenging year all things considered I believe we are doing very well, we have a nest-egg donation already - courtesy of all those that have generously given to this initiative through either entry fee top ups and from sponsor donations.

During the week we are organising a social evening with **Oceana** who have agreed to join us for a brief introduction to what they do, and to answer questions anyone may have. The evening social will be a ticketed party to work with the restaurant owners need for an idea of numbers that are likely to come, as they do not normally cater for so many.

Tickets should be around €30/person and will be available from when you arrive to purchase from either an Organising Committee member and/or Mallorcanautic staff. Each ticket will entitle the holder to a meal and drinks for some time, and include a percentage towards the charity fund, after which drinks will be charged at normal prices by the owner. The evening will be hosted at La Rapita. We hope you will all join us in helping to raise a few more pennies for Oceana's work to make the world oceans and seas more sustainable.

Ark of Ideas - We are hopeful too that the **Ark of Ideas** may also be joining us for the party, either here in La Rapita, and/or possibly other evenings depending on their availability and ours. Should things work out they are kindly offering an open-home viewing arrangement for anyone who would like to go aboard their yacht to view and their sustainable catamaran design concept and discuss sustainability ideas.

Mobilisation Practicalities

ECC Boxes

We are using the charter contract details for delivery of boxes. Should this not be the correct address for sending ECC goodies please advise us as soon as practically possible of any change to these details. The boxes will be going early to mid-week next week to all via courier services. We have unfortunately heard very late yesterday that the shirts order may be delayed. These may be sent on to Mallorca directly if they do not arrive in time to go in your ECC box.

Flights

Hope everyone is booked..., not long to go now!

Accommodation and nights aboard your yacht prior to the event

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Due to resource constraints we cannot offer a hotel booking service, but Mallorcanautic can offer some recommendations should you feel you need some leads ahead of time.

If you wish to stay on your yacht (or another) on the Friday night, please contact Mallorcanautic to check on what might be possible for your yacht and your crew.

That is all for now, looking forward to seeing you all in a few weeks.

Craig Warrender
Commodore ECC 2009



Sponsors

Things would be a lot more challenging if we didn't have the support of some great companies. I would like to take this opportunity to again thank all those brave enough to commit in support of ECC this year, it's a truly challenging and exciting year of change to be involved with ECC. The Organising Committee hope that this years ECC produces a fruitful year for all the companies and their staff listed below who have shown courage in the face of adversity...:





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Engineering Challenge Cup 2009

Agreement and Disclaimer

In consideration of being given the opportunity to participate as a skipper in the Engineering Challenge Cup 2009 (ECC 2009), on behalf of my crew, personal representatives, assigns and heirs, I herby acknowledge and agree that:

1. Acceptance of Responsibility and Indemnity

- a. Sailing activities involve risks and dangers of bodily injury, including permanent disability, death and property damage as well as other risks of losses not known or not foreseeable to me at this time ("Risks"); and
- b. These Risks may be caused by my own actions or omissions, the actions or omissions of any other crew members or any of the other participants/organizers of the ECC 2009 or the conditions in which the ECC 2009 takes place; and

I herby fully accept and assume all such Risks howsoever caused as a result of or in connection with my participation in the ECC 2009 and I herby agree to indemnify and hold harmless each of the ECC 2009 Commodore, the members of the ECC 2009 Organization Committee, the partners of the ECC 2009 Organization Committee (including, but not limited to Mallorcanautic), my fellow crew members, skipper and co-skipper, the ECC 2009 sponsors, and anyone else acting on behalf of any of the foregoing ("Indemnities"), from any claims for property losses, costs and damages as well as from all litigations expenses and attorney fees in connection with such claims, except in the event of willful misconduct or gross negligence of any of the Indemnities.

2. Decision to Participate/Seamanlike Behavior

It is entirely and solely my decision to participate in the ECC 2009 or to continue participating in the ECC 2009 and I herby warrant that if I consider any situation unacceptably hazardous or dangerous, I will not participate in the ECC 2009 until such condition has been corrected to my satisfaction. It is entirely and fully my responsibility to ensure that my crew and I have sufficient seamanship experience and capability and will follow all required regulations during ECC 2009. I understand and will comply with the International Collision Regulations and the "Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012" published by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).

3. Rules and Instructions

The establishment of any rules and/or instructions for the ECC 2009 by any of the Indemnities shall in no event limit or reduce my responsibility as a participant of the ECC 2009 according to this Agreement and Disclaimer or otherwise.

I have carefully read this Agreement and Disclaimer and fully understand and agree with its contents.

Printed Name : Place & Date

Signature :