



ECC 2010 Bulletin No. 6

20th March 2010

Dear ECC Skippers, Dear ECC Sailors,

The ECC is coming closer – 39 days left until we will meet us in Biograd.

With this Bulletin we want to keep you up-to-date and supply you with the latest information.

We think we are prepared for the event, also some issues are still a matter of detailed organisation, but the OC - team is working hard on the solutions.

ECC Sailing - Grouping and Ranking

As mentioned in an earlier bulletin this year we will have the Commodore Cup as an every day event and so we had to change the procedure.

After long and intensive discussion within the OC and with the organizer and the race officer we decided to define three groups, two groups for the ECC - Race and one group for the Commodore Cup.

This group definition will give the OC and the Race Officer the freedom to decide on a daily basis - according to the wind – and weather – conditions - how to start the fleet and finding interesting combinations.

Our target is to ensure competitive, fair sailing conditions for all of you, also considering all necessary safety aspects.

The ranking will be divided into the two groups for the ECC and a third one for the Commodores. For each daily race we will have three rankings. Each ECC group will have it's own scoring as it has been in the last years and one separate ranking we will have for the Commodores Cup, independent from the selection of the start-groups. The Commodores will no longer be part of the ECC ranking.

Finally the overall ECC – Winner will be the one with the lowest overall ranking out of the two ECC – Race - Groups, the winner of the Commodore Cup will be the crew with the lowest overall ranking in the commodore group.



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The Route for 2010

After some “fights” with harbour masters, harbour owners and authorities finally we could arrange, that the route will look as scheduled.

Sunday: Biograd → Murter



Marina Biograd



Marina Murter

Monday: Murter → Piskera



Marina Piskera



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Tuesday. Piskera → Zut



Marina Zut

Wednesday: Zut → Iz



Marina Iz

Thursday: Iz → Zadar



Marina Zadar

Friday back from Zadar to Biograd

For the time being we are discussing the route details incl. possible sailing alternatives with our race officer, Alen Kustic – some of you may remember this professional referee.
The main challenge is to avoid long “motor races” on the one hand and too short sailing times on the other hand.



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We are sure that the selected area and destinations will give us the necessary freedom to find the best solution based on the weather conditions.

The details will be distributed as soon as they are “fixed”, considering that for a sailing race nothing can be totally fixed beforehand.

By the way, this year we will have 59 crews participating! Unfortunately one crew has to withdraw their participation.

Financial Situation

The international financial crisis did hit us quite heavily, only a few companies were willing to support the ECC thanks to these companies!

That's why this year's ECC will go back to the roots and concentrate on the sailing event itself. Presents for the crews, a lot of stuffing and some other things have to be minimized to be able to organise an event for you that will give you the best possible competition and a lot of fun while mingling with the participants.

We will provide all of you with a nice ECC shirt which will be delivered in Biograd. Besides that we hope and are sure that you will find some nice sailing outfit in the wardrobe.

But we think we will be able to serve you with some nice evening events.

If the one or other of you still sees some money in his petty cash, we would welcome to get it even in the last minute.

In this situation it is a pity, how difficult it is for the OC to get the money from the participants in time; there are still several payments of the race fee (per participating sailor) outstanding although we already send out reminders. Also the final crew lists are not complete. This situation makes it very hard for us to calculate and to plan the events.

No answer is a bad answer!

Therefore the OC decided to fix a deadline for the payments of the fees for the participants (race entry fee): 31.March 2010

This is also the deadline for the final crew lists! The latter we need for our organisation as well as for the local authorities!

In case the payment will not be done until that date the OC reserves the right to exclude the crews from the ECC race participation – no money, no fun!

As mentioned before in case you will have less crew members as estimated we will pay back part of your entry fee as long as the change will be announced until the **31. March 2010** (minimum entry fee is 500,000 EUR), after that date there will be no back-payment.

Please accept that procedure, but we need financial security in the situation we are.



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Logbook

As you know in the ECC 2010 logbook we want to present the participating companies and all crews as it has been done the years before.

Unfortunately there are still a lot of photos missing, although the final date for supplying was set to the 15th January – that's a long time ago.

We have now defined the very latest deadline: 31. March 2010.

Photos and logos that are not supplied until that date can not be considered for the logbook.

To save a lot of money this year we will distribute the logbook only via our homepage/internet.

In case you should not have **any** possibility to download and print the logbook, please contact us (klapper@dbs-deutschland.de).

Travel Assistance

We have arranged with Ilirija that they will supply travel assistance for you on requested.

I hope everyone got the mail from Ilirija, Ivan Dujmovic, dated 19.032010, regarding transportation. Her is the text:

“Dear ECC participants, Travel Assistance

We would kindly request that participants requiring airport transfers notify us as soon as possible regarding flight information, as we would like to organize the most cost effective transfers with the least waiting time.

If You how do not need any transfers please let us know that so we can better organize it for others.

Thank You in advance for Your information.”

Kind regards,

We think, all of you have fixed already the travel schedules.

So in case you want to have local assistance, please do not wait to announce your requirements with the requested details to enable Ilirija to make the best arrangements for you.

Second Charter Payment

Please be reminded that the second payment for the charter fee is coming up soon. Don't forget it.



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The OC will visit the ECC 2010 destination beginning of April to assure, that everything is prepared well to our all satisfaction. After the visit we will report.

We will post this bulletin as usual on the ECC 2010 homepage.

The ECC 2010 Organisation Team is ready to go!

Looking forward to meeting all of you in Biograd soonest.

Klaus Hütten and the ECC 2010 OC
ECC 2010 Commodore

P.S.:

In case you could not find our bank account details in your files, here it is again:

Payments must be transferred to the following Euro account:

Bank:	Kreissparkasse Köln
Account Name:	Klaus Huetten
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Sort Code (BLZ):	37050299
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