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Dear ECC Skippers, Dear ECC Sailors,

The preparation for the ECC 2010 makes progress day by day. Beside others we have received the proposals from the Coordinators and will do the selection within the next days.

Now it is time for the next step and to start the entry procedure.

1. Opening and Closing Dates for Entry List

The Entry List for ECC 2010 is now open and will close for receipt of entries on the 6th of September.

2. ECC 2009 Entry Process

Entries this year, as in the previous, can only be made in the name of an 'eligible' Skipper who must be on board as the 'Skipper'.

We have made great efforts to update this list. Here a big "thank you" to the ECC Admiral John Hall Hall and the ECC Committee.

Please note that it is not allowed that eligible Skippers willingly allow an entry in their name, even though it is clear they had no intention to compete. Only in case of "force major" the skipper might change.

3. List of Eligible Skippers

Attached for your convenience is the ECC Committees List of Eligible Skippers with the number of participations that will be used as the basis for restricting the entry list to the 70 yacht limit.

Please feel free to forward this list to any eligible Skipper on the List whose email address is missing in the list and please inform the ECC Admiral (John Hall Hall) and the ECC Commodore (Klaus) of their respective address.

Thank you to all those that have replied to date with email address updates.

Following is a reminder of the rules that have been applied in order to determine if a skipper is eligible to enter for next year's ECC. These rules are taken from the updated ECC Charter 2009 Skippers applying for entry that do not meet the qualifying criteria will not have their entry



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accepted, and if fees are paid by an ineligible skipper these will be returned less an administration fee of 20% and bank fees.

Following you will find an extract of the ECC Charter:

- 6 *Any skipper that has participated in ECC Week as an entry's skipper will be eligible for any future ECC Week if he has less than seven penalty points (see 7 below). Number of entries will be limited to 70 boats. Priority will be given on the basis of the number of times an entry has participated, with previous Commodores having automatic right to participate. After ranking in order of participations, the band cut by the 70 limit will be selected by lottery. The order for choosing boats will also be decided by lottery but without taking account of number of participations. New skippers will be approved by the ECC Committee on a case-by-case basis taking account of previous association with ECC and/or the Engineering Industry. New skippers will not be approved until the number participating would otherwise be below 40. An eligible skipper may "retire" by passing his eligibility to his established co-skipper. Such a "retirement" will be approved by the Committee and will be irreversible. See Attachment 1 for the 2010 list of Eligible Skippers.*
- 7 *Any skipper who is found to have caused a collision which results in loss of all or part of his insurance deposit will be given four penalty points for each such incident. His tally will reduce by two points for each year without earning such points. No skipper will be allowed to enter while his points tally is more than six. A record of all skippers involved in collisions in which penalty points are awarded will be maintained by the Committee.*

The entire revised ECC Charter will be posted on our ECC 2010 homepage.

4. ECC Date and Location for 2010

The ECC 2010 will take place in the week **08th May to 15th May 2010** as already mentioned in the first bulletin.

The detailed location is not decided yet, but it will be most probably somewhere in **Croatia**.

We will inform you about the exact location as soon as it is decided.

5. Engineering Challenge Cup and Commodores Cup

This year it was decided by the ECC Committee that the regulations for the races will change from next year on.

Please see the extract from the ECC Charter as follows:

- 1 *Each year ECC week will take place and involve 6 days of sailing around timed courses between overnight destinations. The week will score Commodores and non-Commodores separately in the Engineering Challenge Cup (for non-Commodores) and in the Commodore's Cup (for Commodores). Participants in the Engineering Challenge Cup may be racing in several different fleets, whereas all participating Commodores will be in one fleet.*

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There would be a problem if, at the end of ECC week, the top place is held by a previous Commodore and the new Commodore is not the overall winner. It has not happened yet, but it could precipitate a cascade of refusals to become new Commodore by the highest placed non-Commodores. Therefore it was agreed to split the races.



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6. List Closure and Selection of Participants

Following the Entry List closing, if there are more than 70 entrants the number of entrants will be reduced to 70 by ranking the list of entrants according to each entrants number of participations, and a lottery of the lowest participation group will be drawn to complete the 70. Those entries that are not accepted will have their entry fees refunded (less bank fees).

A subsequent lottery of just the 70 will decide the order of boat selection to avoid the bank-controlled lotteries that have occurred in the past.

7. ECC Entrant Fees

This year the ECC Race Entry Fees are:

- €100 per person, with a minimum ECC Race Entry Fee of €500 for each yacht (based on 5 crew members)

8. How to Apply for Entry

To qualify for entry:

- a) You must be an eligible Skipper according to the ECC Charter rules given above. (see attachment)
- b) Your Minimum ECC Race Entry Fee of €500 must be received by the Entry List Closing Date given above. Your payment comment must state "Skipper name, ECC 2010" (in that order)
- c) You must confirm by email (to the Commodore, khuetten@cbi.com) that you want to participate and have paid your entry fee in full.
- d) You must supply the filled in registration form (see attachment)
- e) You must supply the signed "Agreement and Disclaimer" (see attachment)

The Commodore will confirm your entry once the above criteria are met.

Payments must be transferred to the following Euro account:

Bank:	Kreissparkasse Köln
Account Name:	Klaus Huetten
Account no:	1157129370
Sort Code (BLZ):	37050299
IBAN:	DE35 3705 0299 1157 1293 70
BIC:	COKS DE 33

Notes:

Full fee payment must be received **without any reduction by bank fees** else the entry will be considered invalid, and your application for entry may be excluded from the list of qualifying entrants.

Please allow some working days for your payment to reach the Euro account.



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9. Final Participant List

The list of 70 qualifying participants for ECC 2010 will be issued in a bulletin following closure of the ECC Entry List.

I and the rest of the Organising Committee are now very much looking forward to next year and enjoying the experience of meeting you all again on and off the water.

That is all for now, kind regards to you all.

Klaus Hütten
ECC 2010 Commodore

Attachments:

- a. List of eligible skippers
- b. Registration form
- c. Agreement and Disclaimer