

Engineering Challenge Cup 2008

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Dear Sailors,

In Bulletin no 1 we introduced the organising team for ECC 2008. We also announced that we started preparations for the organisation of the event. We can inform you that we are making good progress, specially because of the support of John Hall who joined us last weekend in the Netherlands. John gave us a lot of valuable information and we evaluated together the event of 2007. Now we can go full speed ahead with the organisation of the 2008 event. Also thanks to the sponsorship of Hertel. We are convinced that we can organise a high level event at a low level price for participants. We enjoy the organisation of such a great event.



Now we come to a very serious matter:

The explanation how to enter ECC 2008.

Introduction

For ECC 2007 numbers of participants were restricted for the first time. A large number of entries makes organising difficult, limits the number of locations to choose of and creates safety issues. After consultation with much of the fleet, the decision was reluctantly taken in 2006 to limit the number of entries to 70 and take measures to reduce the fleet to 40 boats in the longer term. It was decided that no new skippers will be accepted until we are below 40.

We respect the decision taken in 2006 and follow same principals for ECC 2008.

Entry Selection Basis

The entry list will open on 9th of July 2007 at 12.00 noon, Amsterdam time, and will close on 5th of August 2007. Entries received before this date will be added up with 5 days. To keep within the 70 limit, the list will be sorted with Commodores at the top, then by number of participations made as skipper. The group that spans the 70 limit will be sorted by when they entered and the earliest ones will be accepted. Those that are not accepted will have their entry fees returned. If someone subsequently cancels, his entry fee will not be refunded, but may be re-assigned to the next skipper on the waiting list. An entry may not be re-assigned to a skipper who has not previously participated as skipper. And please don't protest to the organisation about imposing a limit or how it is done. It is just the reflection of the will of the fleet.

ECC Fee

In order to get the best possible fleet it is necessary to pay deposits to the charter companies as early as possible. The ECC Organisation costs will be funded by each participant paying an ECC Fee of € 85 and with a minimum fee per boat of € 425. Your entry will be confirmed only by receipt of the minimum fee of € 425. We will pass this money to the charter organisers in August/September for them to use as deposits to secure the best possible boats. Months later when they get your first charter payments (probably in December), they will return the ECC Fees to the ECC organisation. This is the same way as last year and the organiser then increased their chance of obtaining a suitable fleet at reasonable prices. The balance of ECC Fees will fall due around December when the crew lists have been finalised.

How to Enter

To confirm your entry, please transfer ECC Fees of € 425 to the following bank account:

IBAN: **NL 39INGB0675459206**

SWIFT: **INGBNL2A**

Account Name: **Pieter van Beuzekom, ECC 2008**

Account No: **67.54.59.206**

Please ensure that your payment clearly states "*skipper name, ECC 2008 fees*". (beware this order is essential for your order). Please ensure the skipper's name is the right one as the priority of entries will be based on number of previous participations as skipper. If the name is not one of the previous skippers as per the attached list it will not be accepted.

Please notice your payment is nett of any bank charges!

The order in which entries are received is the order in which you will be able to choose which boat you have, so apply early even if you have been 10 times before and know your entry will be accepted!

The entry list will close on 1st August!

We will inform you about the results of the entry selection in a special Bulletin approximately 15th of August. Any questions about the position on the entry list will not be answered before that time.



List of Skippers

Attached is the current list of eligible skippers and the number of participations that will be used as the basis for applying the 70 limit.

Please forward this Bulletin to any eligible skipper on the list whose e-mail address is missing and inform me so that I can update my data.

Thanks to all who replied to us to change or add the e-mail addresses.

The list of participants of ECC 2008 will be presented in next bulletin.

That's all for now concerning registration and we are looking forward to your response.

ECC 2008 Organisation Committee

Pieter van Beuzekom, Commodore

In one of the next bulletins we will inform you about developments of our main sponsor Hertel. Hertel has grown enormously the last years and became a full service support partner now. Hertel changed their company logo. All different companies under Hertel are using from now on this logo.

