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Engineering Challenge Cup 2008

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Dear Sailors,

All of you will certainly be very curious about any news after bulletin 02, end of June.

Firstly we are proud to present to you the special ECC logo special designed for the 2008 event.

The layout of the new bulletins will be in the 2008 style.



Location ECC 2008

We can inform you that we have decided for a location.

After having weighted all pro's and contra's of the many beautiful places in the Mediterranean we came (again) on Turkey. After an intense research and taken into account a lot of practical aspects and listening to the recommendation of experienced ECC Skippers, we have decided to go to Bodrum, Turkey. Together with Sasha King of Adriatic Holidays -known to all of you of previous ECC events and our coordinator for ECC 2008- we did a survey in the region of Bodrum. We can assure you that Bodrum is a beautiful sailing area with a lot of interesting places around.



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BODRUM

Bodrum is a peninsula and together a name of the city. The low white painted houses, the many harbours, the view over the Greek Islands and many villages with their own bay's are typical and charming of peninsula Bodrum.

Bodrum is also called the Saint Tropez of Turkey.

The closest airport is Bodrum Airport. It has frequent flights from a number of places in Europe. From the airport to Bodrum Marina is approximately a 35 minutes drive.

Dalaman Airport and Izmir Airport are approximately 3 hours drive to Bodrum Marina.

Bodrum area is very popular with sailors because of the good wind!





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Entry Procedure

I hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays. We enjoyed the Dutch, Belgium and a bit of the French coast with lots of (too) strong winds and typical cloudy sky's. You are lucky that I took my laptop on board to read all your interesting questions, remarks and suggestions.

We followed the entry race day by day and we found out that the formula worked excellent. A few days after the entry opening day the 9th July the major part of the entry fees were on the ECC 2008 bank account. There were a number of smart guys with a creative interpretation of the 5 days penalty clause. They simply transferred the money 5 or more days early. Gentlemen (and of course ladies) this is a European event, which means that we work in the spirit of the writing and not to the letter of it, but nice try.

At closing date we had just over 70 entries. Almost all the skippers of ECC 2007 will be present in 2008. This is great competition and an excellent opportunity for all to prove to perform better than last year.

The skippers that are selected has been informed by email on August 30th. The complete list of selected skippers including the ranking is enclosed. As you know the ranking is of importance for the boat selection procedure.





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ECC Organization

The Engineering Challenge Cup has been organized now for 14 years, with great success. The event has grown year by year to a fleet of 70 boats in 2006. It was decided by the commodores who met during the ECC week in 2006 to limit the number of entries to 70 boats and to issue and agree on the ECC Charter. The key principles for the event were defined. One of the principles was to form an ECC Committee to safeguard the principles of the event.

After the ECC 2007 event John Hall was selected by the commodores as the "Admiral" of the Committee.

In a special notice John will inform the skippers in detail of the meaning of this Committee.

Boat Selection

To find a fleet of 70 boats of same brand, between 40 and 50 feet limited to a few types is really a "tour de force", but we can inform you that our coordinator again did a good job. We succeeded to arrange almost the same type of fleet as last year with a number of new boats. The range is again Bavaria 42, 44, 46, 49 and 50.

Website ECC 2008

Now we have the new ECC 2008 logo ready we can update the ECC website with special thanks to Michael Fass of Media 4 Market. In the next few weeks we are working on the update of the ECC website. Everybody can find the Bulletins, pictures, etc.

Have a look at www.ecc-sailing.com.