

## Engineering Challenge Cup 2005

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Dear sailors,

It has been a little while since our last bulletin - well, we have been quite busy lately (including a long weekend in Biograd) and would like to update you on next year's ECC as follows:

#### Registration & Charter

The registration process has almost been completed with just a few items still to be clarified and we are currently planning with about 53 yachts for next year's event, i.e. equivalent to the number of participants of the ECC 2004.

Similar to the registration process, we trust and hope that you are, thanks to Sunsail and their very informative homepage and excellent organisation in both Portsmouth and Biograd & Kremik, all satisfied with the chartering process and that you have been able to secure a - in your opinion - competitive and / or comfortable yacht. We still feel that the "auction" process is the fairest way to give everyone an equal chance and watching the different names appear in the list of available yachts was as interesting as a good movie.

Once the last outstanding issues have been clarified, we will provide you with the complete list of participants and corresponding yachts in one of our next bulletins. The time correction factors for the various yachts will then follow in due time.

#### Flights

Unfortunately, Biograd does not have its own international airport. The nearest airports are Zadar (approx. 30 minutes north of Biograd) and Split (approx. 90 minutes south of Biograd). While we trust that you will understand that we will not be able to centrally organise the flights for all participants and will leave this matter to you, we envisage to organise a bus transfer from / to the two airports. We plan to have two to three transfers from / to the two airports, depending on the arrival / departure times of the various flights, meaning that some will have to wait for subsequent flights (note that such transfer

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is obviously subject to a sufficient amount of persons arriving within a reasonable time frame). The cost for such transfer (one way) will be 10,-- EUR per person for the transfer from / to Zadar and 20,-- EUR per person for the transfer from / to Split - payments must be made in cash upon boarding the bus.

In order to be able to organise the departure times of the "ECC Bus", we would be grateful if you could inform us - once you have organised your flights and if you are interested in such bus transfer - of your arrival and departure times. We envisage to organise the bus transfer for both Friday (06.05.2005) and Saturday (07.05.2005) before the event and Saturday (14.05.2005) and Sunday (15.05.2005) after the event.

#### Provisioning

While there are several supermarkets in the area (details will be provided in the ECC 2005 Information / Log Book to be sent to the skippers a few weeks before the event), Sunsail will also - for those participants who are interested - run a provisioning service. The procedure for such provisioning service will basically work either through a fax order (a fax order form will be also included in the ECC 2005 Information / Log Book) to be completed and faxed directly to the Sunsail Kornati Base or through e-mail / online via the Sunsail homepage (details will again be provided in the ECC 2005 Information / Log Book). The orders will be placed on board of your yacht and a Sunsail representative will collect the payment for the provisioning service (note that orders have to be placed latest one week before the start of the ECC and payments must be made in cash in Croatian Kuna or Euro).

#### Itinerary

We have now also finalised the general itinerary for next year's ECC (the detailed course and course length will be established on each day, depending on the wind and other conditions on the day and will be communicated in the daily skipper meetings). Further infor-

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mation on the various locations during the ECC 2005 will be provided in the ECC 2005 Information / Log Book, including small maps of the marinas, mooring instructions and notes on special hazards / procedures. One remark at this time already: facilities are very limited / not available in some locations - we therefore highly recommend to keep this in mind and plan accordingly with regard to the availability of facilities for the next night based on the information provided to you.

#### Saturday / 07.05.2005 - Biograd (Marina Kornati)

If you intend to arrive in Biograd on Friday (06.05.2005) already (please refer to "Flights" above for the envisaged bus transfer from Zadar / Split airport to Biograd), you will be required to book a hotel for your first night in Biograd - the yachts will not be available before earliest Saturday, 12:00 noon. The following hotels are available in Biograd (we trust that you will understand that we will not be able to centrally organise the hotel bookings for all participants and will leave this matter to you - more information on hotels will also be provided in the ECC 2005 Information / Log Book):

ADRIA	+ 385 (0) 23 383-005	3 stars
ADRIATIC	+ 385 (0) 23 383-062	1 star
ALBAMARIS	+ 385 (0) 23 385-179	
BOLERO	+ 385 (0) 23 386-888	3 stars
ILIRIJA	+ 385 (0) 23 383-108	2,5 stars
KORNAT	+ 385 (0) 23 383-168	2 stars

The ECC yachts will be available earliest 12:00 noon and latest by 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, depending on the charter situation of "your" yacht in the preceding week. We suggest that you report to Sunsail's office on the western side of the marina (do not enter the marina on the north east - the Sunsail base has a direct access to the old town of Biograd - a map of the marina will be provided in the ECC 2005 Information / Log Book)

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on Saturday after your arrival in Biograd (please refer to “Flights” above for the envisaged bus transfer from Zadar / Split airport to Biograd), earliest however at noon and ask for the latest information from Sunsail regarding the envisaged timing for the yacht take-over (there are a number of cafés in the area if you have to wait). Sunsail will use all reasonable endeavours to provide the yachts as early as possible, but please be patient if this process takes a little longer than you may have hoped for.

All facilities including power, water, showers and toilets are available in the marina.

In the evening we will all meet for the welcome party in Biograd (details of the location will be provided in the ECC 2005 Information / Log Book). Please note that while snacks and drinks will be provided, there will not be a full evening meal. There are however several restaurants in the area to choose from for your dinner arrangements.

#### Sunday / 08.05.2005 - Tribunj (Marina Tribunj)

After the skipper meeting in the “Fibra” café bar close to the Sunsail base, the first day will take us to Tribunj, a small island village (accessible via a little bridge adjacent to the marina) close to Vodice with a supermarket and a few restaurants in the area, including the “Pink Keel” restaurant in the very modern marina with all facilities.

#### Monday / 09.05.2005 - Šibenik (Town Quay)

The skipper meeting in the morning will be held in the “Pink Keel” in the Tribunj marina. The day’s course will, subject of course to the conditions on the day, consist of an “Olympic Triangle” on our way to nearby Šibenik, one of the oldest Croatian settlements, famous especially for the St. Jacob Cathedral and the old town square.

Šibenik is reached through the St. Ante canal and detailed instructions / procedures of how and when to enter the canal will be provided in the ECC 2005 Information / Log Book. The yachts will be moored (some yachts will however probably require their bow anchor) stern to the main quay by the old town (left of the fuel station) - note that there

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can be a lot of sea traffic in this area which requires special attention to hazards. As Šibenik is a comparatively large town (approx. 41.000 inhabitants), there are several restaurants and supermarkets in the area. However, there is no power or water supply on the quay and there are no showers / toilets in the area.

Those of you who know this area may ask why we are not staying in the Skradin marina close to the famous Krka waterfalls. Well, while the trip to Skradin through the Krk river is phantastic and the marina certainly has nicer facilities, the (motored) trip would take at least two hours of our sailing time away and hence would require shortened legs on this day and the following day - so we finally concluded to stay the night in Šibenik. For those of you interested to see the waterfalls, a trip by taxi from Šibenik will take about 20 - 30 minutes.

#### Tuesday / 10.05.2005 - Kornati Islands (Marina Piškera)

After the skipper meeting in one of the seafront cafés in Šibenik to be announced, the (rather lengthy - while we have plans for a shortened leg if required, we certainly hope that there is enough wind on this day...) course for the day will bring us to the National Park of the Kornati Islands with the marina Piškera being our overnight location (note that you must enter and leave the marina from the southern end of the Panitula island as the northern entrance is shallow and hides numerous rocks). Power, water, showers and toilets are available and the marina also offers a small shop and a restaurant (which however will in no event be able to accommodate all ECC sailors, so please be prepared to cook on board if you are not among the first finishers of the day). The legendary dinghy race will take place either here in Piškera or in the Telašćica Bay on the next night.

#### Wednesday / 11.05.2005 - Telašćica Bay (Anchor)

The day will start with the skipper meeting in the marina restaurant and will then take us to Dugi Otok ("long island") north of the Kornati Islands where we will spend the night in

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the uninhabited nature park Telašćica Bay on the south eastern end of Dugi Otok, on anchor or mooring buoys. Unless already completed in Piškera or if subject to a re-match, the dinghy race will be held here. Please note that while a little bar is available on the island, there are otherwise no facilities like showers, toilets, power, water, shops or restaurants. However, we are certain that you will nevertheless enjoy this location with swimming and snorkelling possibilities in this very picturesque natural harbour and the opportunity to see the impressive cliffs (up to 160 metres high) and the Mir salt lake.

#### Thursday / 1.2.05.2005 - Murter (Marina Hramina)

The skipper meeting for the day will be held either in the small bar on the island or via radio. We will then exit this area between Dugi Otok and the island of Katina (note that the northern channel must be used as the southern channel is very shallow) and set our course on the peninsula of Murter with its nice bays for a swim break - after the crossing of the day's finish line of course - on the western coast (note that is not possible to sail under the bridge at Tisno joining Murter to the mainland in the north east - this bay may look interesting on the map, but please do not try to enter). Our overnight location will be the Hramina marina (note that there are three marinas on the peninsula - the coordinates of Hramina are 43° 49' N : 15° 36' E) with all facilities and a little supermarket and restaurant (note that it will take you approx. 20 - 30 minutes walking to reach the little town of Betina).

#### Friday / 1.3.05.2005 - Biograd (Marina Kornati)

The final sailing day will, after the skipper meeting in the marina restaurant, bring us back to Biograd. Once you have reached the Kornati marina, please return directly to the Sunsail base and do not fuel up the yachts, this will be handled by Sunsail after you return the yachts on Saturday.

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In the evening we will meet for the farewell party in Biograd (details of the location will be provided in the ECC 2005 Information / Log Book) for a last big ECC 2005 party including dinner and of course the prize award ceremony and inauguration of the new Commodore for the ECC 2006.

#### Saturday / 14.05.2005 - Biograd (Marina Kornati)

All yachts shall - unless you have booked an extension week with Sunsail - be returned to Sunsail on Saturday morning (please refer to "Flights" above for the envisaged bus transfer to Zadar / Split airport from Biograd and to "Saturday / 07.05.2005" if you are staying a further night in a hotel in Biograd).

#### Skipper & Berths needed...

We currently have an entire crew and yacht already booked who will unfortunately - due to other commitments - will be without a skipper. So, if you know someone who is willing and capable to skipper a yacht for next year's ECC, please contact us (we will then arrange the necessary contact) or [julian.tickner@akerkvaerner.com](mailto:julian.tickner@akerkvaerner.com).

Also, we have a few applications of sailors who are looking for a berth in an ECC 2005 yacht - if you have a berth available, please do contact us, we will again arrange the necessary contact.

#### ECC Homepage

We are in the process of updating the ECC homepage in the coming days. The newest bulletins, the list of participants, more information on the itinerary, the time correction factors and so on will be regularly published on [www.ecc-sailing.com](http://www.ecc-sailing.com).

#### Required Actions & Information

We may (and probably will) contact you again in the coming months regarding certain actions & information we require from you, but in short, the following is a summary of what

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we currently require (unless of course you have already done so) from you (please always indicate your ECC 2005 starting number):

- payment of ECC 2005 fees (as per our separate e-mail on this matter)
- submission of electronic pictures of all skippers and crew members (those of you who have sent your pictures as part of a Acrobat Reader document, could you please re-send just the pictures - thank you) to our e-mail address [ecc@outokumpu.com](mailto:ecc@outokumpu.com)
- if you know a skipper for an ECC 2005 yacht or if you have a berth available for next year's ECC, please let us know on [ecc@outokumpu.com](mailto:ecc@outokumpu.com), we will arrange all necessary contacts
- submission of final crew list - IMPORTANT: we have to apologise, but the format we have sent earlier does not include all information that we require - we will (probably in late December / early January) prepare a new format with the details that we have and send the same to you for completion of any missing data - again, apologies for any inconvenience...
- submission of flight details (see "Flights" above) to [ecc@outokumpu.com](mailto:ecc@outokumpu.com)
- if you wish to have the bulletins sent to an additional e-mail address or wish to have the ECC "goodies" and information / log book sent to someone else than the skipper, please notify us accordingly on [ecc@outokumpu.com](mailto:ecc@outokumpu.com)
- and finally, any complaints (or praise) - we are always looking for feedback

Well, we have less than half a year left to the first day of the ECC 2005 - we will keep you informed of all the news and look forward to seeing you in Biograd in May 2005 !

Best regards,

ECC 2005 Organisation Committee