



# Bulletin No. 3

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## SARDEGNA

Summer Holidays are over for most of us. It has been a while since most of you last heard from me. In the mean time the preparations for the organization of ECC 2014 have continued. Next month we will visit Sardinia to make further and definite arrangements with local authorities, support crew, Marina's en party venues.

I wish to thank you all for your efforts so far with respect to payment of the ECC-fees.

### Subscribed Skippers

In the attachment you will find a list of skippers and the company names or organizations that they represent, who hall definitely have subscribed to participate in ECC 2014.

### Pre-announcement Boat Selection Process

On Friday, 27th September, we will publish two lists to all the skippers:

Sheet 1 will have all the boats listed, with the basic information, and grouped into: S, M, L and C categories (Small, Medium, Large and Commodores).

Sheet 2 will have all the skippers listed, divided into four groups (S, M, L and C).

We are hoping that this will give the skippers enough time to prepare for the booking procedure or to allocate one of the crew members for that in case they are going to be away.





The booking procedure will start on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013. As of that date, Sasha and Elena from Adriatic Holidays will be in touch with the skippers via email (in order that the lottery selected them – order to be displayed).



The skippers will be asked for their choice within their group. The plan is to email more than one skipper at the time and ask for their three preferred choices.

Once the first skipper has chosen the boat, Adriatic Holidays will confirm the first available choice to the second skipper and so on. Sasha and Elena would be grateful if the skippers could respond as soon as possible, thus to avoid big delays in choosing and booking the boats.

If they don't hear from a skipper within 24 hours, they will move on to the next one on the list.

If a skipper is going to be away around the first of October, please allocate one of your crew members to correspond with the Adriatic Holidays team or us, while you are away.

The confirmation papers (Invoice and Charter Contract) will follow soon after the allocation. Sasha and I anticipate the booking procedure will last no longer than a week.

We will do our best to match the available boats with the skipper's requests, but please have some consideration that this might not be possible with the entire fleet and that you may have to do it with a second best option.



## ECC Website

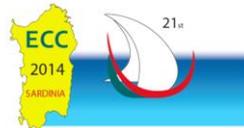
The official ECC website [www.ecc-sailing.com](http://www.ecc-sailing.com) has been updated and is now live available to all those interested. I wish to specially thank to Michael Fass for his kind support to us in this respect.

All bulletins will be made available on this website plus any other useful information.

During the ECC, we plan to daily upload the results of the race held that day, so you do not have to wait for the results until the skipper's meeting the morning after.



Welcome to the ECC 2014



For the first time in its history, the ECC fleet will be sailing around the islands of Sardinia and Corsica. We feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to be the organizers of such an event! The wild, rough beauty of Corsica, combined with the eternal elegance of Sardinia.

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## Touristic Information

Tourism in Sardinia is a relatively new phenomenon and until recent times there was little choice but to stay in modest inns or private houses, especially away from the largest towns and a handful of old, well-known seaside resorts.





Today the quality of Sardinian tourist accommodation has reached the same high standards found in the rest of Italy (thanks in part to important events such as the establishment of a Sardinian tourist board in 1952, and changes in regional laws starting in the 1960s which incentivized investment from individuals and large companies).

The coastal areas are not the only places driving the growth of tourism in Sardinia, with many areas once exclusively used for farming and grazing now offering fantastic holiday accommodation, such as Fonni and Oliena.

The number of different holiday possibilities is countless, stretching from your traditional hotel, to simpler, often more rural options like bed and breakfasts or agriturismo farmhouses.

Another possibility for those who want to immerse themselves in the mediterranean scrub and breathtaking landscapes of the Sardinian countryside is the campsite, particularly recommended to lovers of walking. A fantastic alternative to hotels or resorts is the self-catering holiday home, many of which have swimming pools and/or are right by the sea.

If you are looking for a beach holiday you will soon notice the different characters of the various coastal areas.

The Emerald Coast (Costa Smeralda) and the famous seaside towns near Olbia (including Porto Cervo and Porto Rotondo) are very popular among the rich and famous, and whilst their 'exclusiveness' is questionable, they ooze style and sophistication. In contrast areas such as Santa Margherita di Pula, Porto Conte, Baia Sardinia and Villasimius are popular destinations for package holidays, whereas areas like Alghero, Santa Teresa di Gallura, La Maddalena, San Teodoro, Cala Gonone, Golfo Aranci and Muravera are popular among more traditional, independent tourists. In addition to these well known destinations there are many minor coastal towns and villages where you can find great accommodation at very good prices, especially in agriturismo farmhouses, bed and breakfasts, and hotels, the rising stars of Sardinian tourism. The early days when Sardinian hotels were known for their lack of professionalism, offset only by the beauty of the island and the friendliness of the islanders, have long since passed, even in the lesser known places. Despite the growth of tourism in Sardinia the countryside retains its wild, uncontaminated beauty, and visitors always enjoy a completely authentic experience, never a manufactured one.



Please watch your email carefully on 27 September as you will then receive the next bulletin with important information on the Boat Selection Process.

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*Ciao*