

ECC 2019

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Your new Commodore and it's goodbye from me!

Dear all,

We hope you all got home safely after the ECC 2019 Athens and you enjoyed the event. We enjoyed it a great deal. Thank you for your company and for taking part.

If you would like to help improve the event in future, please visit the site below and give us feedback by completing the short anonymous survey. You can provide your name/boat number etc if you wish, but this is optional.

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If you would also distribute this bulletin to your crews and sponsors they can give us their opinion as well.

We would like to congratulate the new Commodore Pieter Hadjidakis and wish him well for ECC 2020.

We thought we would say goodbye with a few highlights of the events during the week.

Saturday 4th May ECC Registration



Registration took place at the Dia Noche cafe in Alimos Marina on Saturday afternoon and it was our pleasure to meet the skippers and some of the crews and fortunately most of you managed to find us!

ECC Welcome Party

The Welcome Party took place at the Ellados Eikones Restaurant next to the Alimos Marina on Saturday evening where we got the opportunity to meet you all.



Sunday 5th May Alimos to Hydra

Setting Sail

All the fleet set sail but due to the rising winds 27 knots plus we had to cancel racing for the day and we all headed for Hydra.



The mooring was a squeeze in this lovely working harbour of Hydra.



Mon 6th May Hydra to Ermioni/Mandrakia

Race 1 Jose Miguel Martinez Trophy

It took a quite a time to get out of the harbour and the committee boat was trapped on the inside so racing started later than usual. The race 1 Jose Miguel Martinez trophy was keenly fought in very light then windier conditions where the first 10 boats finished within 3 minutes of each other. Congratulations to Rainer Philipp and his crew on boat 69 for their well deserved first place.



The fleet then moored up in Ermioni/Mandrakia in challenging conditions up to 40 knots of wind.

Tuesday 7th May Ermioni to Porus

Race 2, Engineering Challenge Cup 1

The fleet left very swiftly from harbour and a race to Porus, in very light winds, was a challenge to all. The OC tried their best to provide all types of wind conditions for this event!



Most of the fleet moored together at the end of Porus where in the early evening the ‘Silver Foil Hat’ Competition took place. There were some marvellous and imaginative entries that even had some clever engineering input!!



Our congratulations go to 1st place - Valerie Ostroumov (boat 47), 2nd place - Ben Rea (boat 19) and 3rd place - Rainer Philip (boat 69).



The evening meal at the Oasis Restaurant was fun with the 3 Greek dancers putting on a great performance accompanied by several ECC crew members – great night.



Wednesday 8th May - Porus to Epidavros

Race 3, Engineering Challenge Cup 2

Again the fleet got out of the harbour very quickly and the race was held again in light winds testing the concentration of all to keep the boat moving.



The fleet then moored up in Epidavros where the Dinghy Race was held in the evening and that was very well supported and hotly contested, although some did take wine before, during and after the race and only managed a shortened course! Congratulations to the crew of boat 5 Laurent and Vincent Favier for their winning efforts.



Several crews also visited the Ancient theatre of Epidavros and had a great experience.

Thursday 9th May - Epidavros to Perdika

Race 4, Engineering Challenge Cup 3

A slick exit from Epidavros and the fleet got to the start area in good time. The light winds picked up from a forecast of 2-5 knots to about 15 knots+ so the planned 3 hour race was very much shorter. The fleet then moored up in Perdika, another very small village where the ECC took over almost the entire harbour. The hospitality in this small village was very welcoming. The commodores held the annual Commodore's Meeting.



A large percentage of the crews eat ashore in the many tiny restaurants on the water front of this most picturesque village.

Friday 10th May - Perdika to Alimos

Race 5, Engineering Challenge Cup 4

The fleet left the harbour in a timely manner and all headed for the start. The wind was low when the first start set off and on the second start the boats took a very long time to even cross the line. Consequently, due to having to check the boats back in and the evening celebrations the race was abandoned.

Prizegiving Party

The Prize Giving Party took place at the prestigious Yacht Club of Greece. The surroundings and food were fabulous and the winners were announced.



Peter Bisschop and his crew on boat 50 for winning the Commodores Cup.



Pieter Hadjidakis and his crew of boat 70 for winning the Engineering Challenge Cup, and we all wish him well in organising next years ECC.



The evening was concluded with the DJ playing and the crews dancing.

ECC Support

Sponsors - We would again like to thank our sponsors - Endress & Hauser, Teicon/PM Piping, World Leisure Wear and Drive Personnel along with High Point Yachting who have all contributed to this year's event.



Race Officer - We would also like to say thanks our race officer Vassilis Kaskouras for his input to the logbook, handicapping (in conjunction with Alen Kustic), race organisation and speedy results.



Support Team – I would like to thank Sasha and her team for the energy and effort they put into the week.



Commodores Team – I would like to thanks my team of Hugh, Natalie, Ron, Mick, Judy, Steve and Andy for their input throughout the year and during the ECC.



If you are interested in competing next year let me know asap and I'll pass your details over to Pieter. Best of luck Pieter this year in organising ECC 2020 in ???

We wish you all safe sailing throughout the year and look forward to seeing you again when you join Pieter, the new commodore at the ECC 2020.

Kind regards,

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And it's goodbye from them!