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Report on the NAVIGA Class C Ship Model European Championships,
September 14–20, 2026, Constanța, Romania.

The NAVIGA Class C Ship Model European Championships took place from September 14 to 20, 2026, in Constanța, Romania. The event was primarily organized by the Romanian Modeling Federation's Modeling and Sports Club, represented by Tudor Tiberiu. A total of 223 models from 9 countries participated in the championships. The models were displayed across three rooms and a section of the corridor at the "Ioan N. Roman" County Library in Constanța. The organizers provided excellent facilities for the judges' work and for competitors awaiting evaluation to rest. Tudor Tiberiu served as the competition director. I had the honor of serving as the Chief Judge for Section C of the global organization NAVIGA. Ultimately, three judging panels operated, composed as follows:

Panel 1: Classes C6 and C7
Chief Judge: Martin van Gelderen (NL)
Judge: Evgeniy Genov (BG)
Judge: Jonas Kornis (HU)
Secretary: George Popa (RO)

Panel 2: Classes C2, C5, C8
Chief Judge: Daniel Ciosu (RO)
Judge: Dariusz Fabian (PL)
Judge: Vadym Goshko (UKR)
Secretary: Cezar Cojocaru (RO)

Panel 3: Classes C1, C3; C4
Chief Judge: Jarosław Leoniec (PL)
Judge: Adrian Postea (RO)
Judge: David Heini (CZ)
Secretary: Tiberiu Tudor (RO)

Each judging panel was responsible for evaluating over 70 models. Ample time was allocated for this process to account for the varying working speeds of the different panels. Model registration took place on September 14 (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM) and September 15 (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM), ensuring convenient registration options for the arriving modelers. A meeting for the judges was held at 2:00 PM that same day to coordinate working procedures and the evaluation process for each panel. Special attention was paid to the rapidly growing C8 class and models built from 3D kits.

The opening ceremony took place on September 15 at 4:00 PM at Parcul Primariei, near the Monumentul Victoriei. Accompanied by the Navy Orchestra, the anthems of Romania, the European Union, and NAVIGA were played; the attendees were welcomed, and the judging panels were introduced. Invited guests delivered speeches, after which Chief Judge Maciej Poznański officially opened the Constanța 2026 European Championships.

Following the opening ceremony, the evaluation of the models began. Each panel was provided with its own room and table, which significantly streamlined the judging process. On Friday, September 18, starting at 7:00 PM, a banquet was held at a rented seaside restaurant; we were treated to excellent refreshments and music representative of the participating countries, all within a pleasant and friendly atmosphere. The championship's closing ceremony took place on September 20 at 12:00 PM at the event venue; results were announced, and medals and special awards were presented to the competitors.

The entire championship proceeded smoothly and without any issues. Three trainee judges participated in the evaluation process, aiming to eventually qualify as international-level Naviga Class C judges.

I also believe that the education of judges and trainees—much like in years past—is of utmost importance. Such training would help prevent future misunderstandings and debates regarding the interpretation of evolving regulations (adapted for new technologies) and resolve ambiguities during model evaluation.

In summary, I must state that this was a highly successful and excellently organized championship. I would like to once again thank everyone who contributed to making it happen, including Mr. Daniel Ciosu, Mr. Tiberiu Tudor, and all their colleagues involved in the event's execution. I also extend my thanks to all the judges and competitors for their attendance and for showcasing so many magnificent models.

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