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# The learning- training path for Merchant Marine Officers

by Mario Gandolfi

The Port Authorities General Commander decree entered into force in December 2013. In compliance with the international and E.U. Rules and Regulations, it made it compulsory for Deck and Engine Officers to attend recognized courses prior to taking the exams required to become either Ship Masters or Chief Engineers.

Below is today's path to become Ship Masters or Chief Engineers in the Italian Merchant Marine:

- **Diploma plus a 500-hour course** run by an authorized school/body (to become a Cadet Officer)
- **One year of service at sea.**
- **Exam at Direzione Marittima**, based on the Ministry programmes, (to become deck officers or engineer officers)
- **Two years of service at sea as either Navigational Officer or Engineer Officer.**
- **A 300-hour course for Deck Officers and a 570-hour course for Engineer Officers** (88 hours of the course for Deck Officers and 200 hours of the course for Engineer Officers can be arranged onboard) prior to taking the final exam.
- **Exam at Direzione Marittima** to become Chief Mate or Chief Engineer
- **One year of service at sea** as First Mate to become Master or as Second Engineer to become Chief Engineer
- **Several specific courses 1 to 7 days long** on security, safety, special vessels, etc.

Students wishing to become Merchant Marine Officers must be made aware that they should get their *seamen's book (libretto di navigazione)* as early as possible to make sure they are fit for this profession.

## News on Upcoming Events

# SAN GIORGIO AWARDS CEREMONY

We are pleased to invite our members and their families and friends to the *San Giorgio Awards Ceremony*.

**Date:** Saturday, 18 October, 2014

**Time:** 10:15am

**Place:** Palazzo San Giorgio – 2, via della Mercanzia - Sala del Capitano

The San Giorgio Awards Ceremony is organised by *Collegio dei Capitani L.C. e D.M.*, with

- the co-operation of *Associazione ex-Allievi e Docenti I.T.N. "San Giorgio" di Genova*, *"Nautico San Giorgio" of Genova* and *Fondazione Accademia Italiana della Marina Mercantile*,
- the support of *Confederazione Italiana Armatori* and *Ente Registro Navale Italiano*,
- the sponsorship of *Autorità Portuale di Genova* and *Provincia di Genova*

This year the 2014 San Giorgio plaque will be awarded to Cap. Nicola Arena , Charmain M.S.C. Crociere, former student of Nautico San Giorgio (he got his school leaving certificate in 1959).

The three best school leavers of *Istituto Nautico San Giorgio* (school year 2013/2014) will receive the plaques "*Attilio Traversa*" and "*Guglielmo Levi*". The Association *Ex-Allievi e Docenti Istituto Nautico San Giorgio* will give them a scroll.

The students of *Nautico San Giorgio*, who distinguished themselves in their studies in the 2013-2014 school year, will receive :

- the "*Pietro Giumarra scholarship*" (awarded to the best student of the first year and to the best student of the second year )
- the "*Giuseppe Caso scholarship*" (awarded to the three best students of the third year , one per course of studies (*Capitani, Macchinisti and Costruttori*)).
- the "*ABS and WARTILA*" *scholarships*, awarded to the two best students of the fourth year.

The following bodies and organizations have contributed to said scholarships:

- *The Caso Family*
- *Mrs Michelina Manco Giumarra*
- *Associazione ex-Allievi e Docenti I.T.N. "San Giorgio" di Genova*
- *Banca Carige - Genova*
- *Collegio Nazionale Capitani L.C. e D.M.*
- *Corporazione dei Piloti del Porto di Genova*

The best Deck and Engine Cadet Officers of *Accademia Italiana Marina Mercantile* will be given plaques and checks.

Plaques and certificates of acknowledgment will also be given to individuals and organisations for their outstanding activity in the maritime field.

## The Association Cruise

Few people were interested in the cruise that we had proposed this year. So the cruise was cancelled. We apologize for that.

We are currently trying to organize a cruise for the coming year, hoping to be able to propose something more interesting and appealing.

# Reminders

The yearly fee to renew your association is of €20. It can be paid:

-  in cash at our premises or
-  by postal order (c/c n° 13793161 made payable to "Associazione ex allievi e docenti" Nautico S.Giorgio").

Please remember that our premises are now open on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** from 10.00 to 11.30. For more information you can contact us at 338 5993370 (during opening hours)

As a member you are entitled to request:

- the Association crest
- the Association tie.
- the volumes:
  - *"La storia dell'Istituto Nautico San Giorgio di Genova"* (new edition) by Virgilio Bozzo and Armando Fioravanti.
  - *"Nino Bixio e le questioni del mare"* by Virgilio Bozzo and Armando Fioravanti.

All contributions will be entirely devoted to our scholarships.



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