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Dear all,

by Francesco Boero

Our annual general meeting will take place on 8 March (women's day) After the usual report by the President and by the Treasurer concerning the 2016 budget, keepsake scrolls will be hand out to the former students of *Nautico San Giorgio* who got their diplomas 50 years ago:

Let's sum up what took place in 2016:

- the elections of the Board of Director,
- the resignations of Capt. Mario Gandolfi,
- the trip to Ischia
- the end of the school year dinner
- the organization of the celebrations for the Bicentenary of Istruzione nautical Statale a Genova
- the Xmas dinner
- the preparation activities for printing the book *Navigando sul mare dei ricordi* containing stories written by our members
- the planning of 2017 the Russian river trip

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## Past events

### Inauguration of *Istituto Comprensivo Foce* in the former premises of *ITN "San Giorgio"* in *Piazza Palermo*

by *Francesco Boero*

On 15 February, we were invited to the inauguration of the new premises of *Istituto Comprensivo Foce*. The school will be housed in the renovated building in *Piazza Palermo* which used to be the seat of our School, the mythical *Istituto Tecnico Nautico "San Giorgio"*

Several local personalities were present: public officials and executives, such as the Alderman of Genoa *LL.PP.* and Maintenance, members of the Direction of the renovation works, the President of *Municipio VIII - Medio Levante*, managers and officials, regional and municipal Councillors, the Headmistress and the teachers of *Istituto Comprensivo Foce*, prof. Marina Nicora, deputy Head of *Nautico San Giorgio* and other personalities interested in the event.

The speakers underlined the relevance of the event for the area. We were glad that the building would still be a school and not something completely alien, which might well have happened.

Prof. Nicora remembered the years she spent teaching inside the building.

Climbing the stairs I could see the second floor classrooms where I attended the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes. What I felt was incredible and overwhelming.

What else to say? We wish the Headmistress of *Istituto Comprensivo Foce* "Pale a prua" e "Secundis ventis uti".

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## OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ

Seven years have passed since the old premises in Piazza Palermo were abandoned. No more students' voices, no more bells to mark the school hours, the breaks, the beginnings and the ends of the school-days.

We remained there, in the old Piazza Palermo building for another three years. We remained there almost to guard and protect it. It was rather difficult and we finally moved to the premises opposite the new school building in Darsena.

We have always hoped that the old building, full of memories and history, a building that we still love and care for and which we left with regret, would be used again in a suitable way as a centre of culture, possibly maritime culture, or as a school to continue the Foce tradition.

Our hopes and dreams are probably coming true. In fact, we hear that the Piazza Palermo building will probably be restored and be used to house a school.

Probably, because you never know. But the work has been approved by the Town Council and should be carried out under the direction of archt. Tedeschi and ing. Fasce by archt. Rizzi, archt. Bracchi and geometer Molinari, who were my colleagues in the Town Property Maintenance Office.

We wish to thank them for what they will do.

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## PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK



by *Francesco Boero*

On **16 february** ,the book “***Navigando sul mare dei ricordi***” was finally presented.

The idea of the book had been conceived by our late friend Gianluigi Figari, had been approved in the 2016 General Assembly and had been entrusted to the Board of Directors.

The book is made up of stories written by about thirty of our members. It contains episodes related to their life experiences at sea.

Ivo Degl’Innocenti devoted time to transcribe the stories on a word processor (some were written by hand) and present them at their best. He was supported by Dino Fioravanti, Virgilio Bozzo, Luigi Sartori and some of the authors

The presentation ceremony took place in “*Nautico San Giorgio*” Auditorium in *Calata Darsena*. Several members, with relatives and friends were present,

In my role of President of the Association, I wish to thank all the people present and in particular:

- **Dott. Claudio Villa**, a memeber of Genoa Town Council and a former student of Istituto Nautico on behalf of the Mayor;
- **Prof. Wladimiro Iozzi**, former Head of *I.T.T. “Nautico San Giorgio”*;
- **Ing. Maurizio Michelini**, Councillor of the Order of Engineers of Genoa and director of the Ligurian Federation of Engineers magazine, accompanied by his father **Ing. Franco**, former teacher at Nautico San Giorgio and at Genoa College of Engineering;
- **Com.te Giovanni Lettich**, President of *Collegio Nazionale dei Capitani di L.C. e M.*;
- **Amm. Giulio Scarlino**, vice president of Genoa *A.N.M.I.* and councilor **Com.te Luigi Zippo**;
- **Prof.ssa Lilia Fiorentino**, President of the Association “*Amici di Vito E.Petrucci e di Maria Vietz*”, accompanied by a number of members of the school of the Genoese language;
- Gianluigi Figari’s widow and his son **Massimo**;
- **Com.te Franco Sarno**’s wife who kindly contributed his husbands writings;
- **Com.te Teresa Mario Monti**’s daughters form Turin, who had provided the papers to tell the deeds of her father and honour his memory;
- **Mrs Gianna Porta Figari**, daughter the owner of the Liberty ship “*Boccadasse*”;
- **Mrs Nini Cassanello**, daughter of the director of *Officine Meccaniche Navali Campanella* who supervised the building of “*Boccadasse*”;
- **Mr Riccardo Cafiero**, one of our authors, who had come from Reggio Emilia to be present;
- **Ing. Sergio Levi**, son of our unforgettable “*Zio Willy*”.

I also thank the Headmistress of the school and her vice **Prof. Marina Nicora** for the hospitality (the deployment of students in their uniforms was impressive) who recollected her years of teaching at the school, in particular the years spent in *Piazza Palermo* building,

**Prof. Angela Pastorino** who was absent for commitments outside Genoa, managed to arrive in time for the final greetings. Other public figures who had been invited but had been unable to come sent their best wishes.

Both the authors and the Board of Directors had looked forward to the day with some concern but all anxiety or fear was dispelled by our dearest friend, **Prof. Maria Stella Rollandi**, teacher of Economic History and History of International Economic Relations at *Dipartimento di Economia*, Her culture and competence in maritime economic history is superb.

**Prof. Rollandi** had accepted to present the book and write a preface to the book. She appreciated the stories both in content and language and underlined their connections with the historical events of the time (mainly the fifties and sixties). She outlined the figure of the seafarers of those days and their commitment to safety. She talked about the “Liberty” ships and their role in the Italian economic recovery after the Second World War. She mentioned the mythical *M/n Sestriere*, built in Italy and launched in 1942. After the end of the war, she ferried about one thousand seafarers to the States in order to man 50 Liberty Ships bought there by Italian shipowners. Prof. Rollandi’s presentation was a great success.

After her presentation, **Com.te Oreste Del Conte** described the design and building of the American and British Liberty ships as well as their characteristics: structures, propulsion, seaworthiness, cargo (bulk and fuel), and so on. He, too, spoke about *M/n “Sestriere”* and her specific characteristics.

After that, **Com.te Aldo Baffo** told with humour about his experiences on board and in the visited ports

**Mrs Nini Cassanello** spoke about the work directed by her father at *Officine Meccaniche Navali Campanella*, the first to be carried out in Italy, to assemble the forebody and the after body of two Liberty ships to build the “*Boccadasse*”, a “super-Liberty”, the longest ship in those days.(she was scrapped in La Spezia in 1962).

The ceremony was concluded with the traditional wish of “Buon Vento” and a toast.

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## Upcoming Events

# Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, 8 March, 2017

**Time:** 4:00 pm

**Place:** Auditorium, I.T.N. San Giorgio, Calata Darsena

- ◆ *Annual Report of the President*
- ◆ *Annual Report of the Treasurer*
- ◆ *Report of the auditor*
- ◆ *Approval of the budget*
- ◆ *Any other business.*

## Keepsake Scrolls

After the Annual General Meeting, our Association will hand out keepsake scrolls to the following former students of *Nautico San Giorgio* who got their diplomas 50 years ago:

<i>Bianchi Gianpaolo</i>	<i>Finzi Pasquale</i>
<i>Calderer Angelo</i>	<i>Girardini Luigi Sergio</i>
<i>Chiarlo Alessandro</i>	<i>Rota Piercarlo</i>
<i>Del Conte Oreste</i>	<i>Savino Claudio</i>
<i>Di Iorgi Leonardo</i>	

## The Women's Day Cocktail Party

**Time:** 17:00

**Place:** outside the Auditorium, I.T.N. San Giorgio, Calata Darsena



Our Members and their families, the School Head, teachers and staff are invited to the traditional cocktail offered by our Association to celebrate Women's Day.



## News on Upcoming Events

# INFO about the RiverCruise in Russia

Thirty five people have booked the river cruise in Russia from 5 to 16 June, 2017.

**A new travel cancellation** insurance has been included without any price increase (the cost of € 30.00 is included): it allows cancellation upon presentation of a medical certificate until the very last moment (The previous policy was valid only in case of hospitalisation)

**Departure: 5 June from *Piazza della Vittoria* at about 7.15 a.m.** (to be better specified later on) by bus reserved.

### Flight:

Date	Flight Number	Departing from:	Departure Time	Arriving at:	Arrival Time
05/06/2017	2411	Milan Malpensa	12.15	Moscow	16.40
16/06/2017	6673	Saint Petersburg	09.20	Milan Malpensa	12.00

By **6 April**, confirm your booking and settle your account by means of a non-transferable check in favour of **Bubble Viaggi S.r.l.**

### Amount still due:

€ **1,220.00** per any adult sharing a double cabin on the upper deck

€ **1,170.00** per any adult sharing a double cabin on the main deck

€ **1,950.00** per any adult for a double cabin for single use on the upper deck

From **3 to 14 April** (Saturdays and Sundays excluded) go to **Bubble Viaggi, via G.Torti 226R**, with a passport photo and your passport to fill out the form required in order to get the consular visa.

Contact Mrs. **Elisabetta Mazzi** (Ufficio Gruppi) by calling: **010 3519023 or 335 6726475** to make an appointment

### Baggage allowance:

- checked baggage: kg. 23.00 (1 suitcase 158 cm of maximum dimensions, given by the sum of the 3 dimensions length+ width + depth) plus
- hand luggage: kg. 10,00 per bag (max 55x35x25)



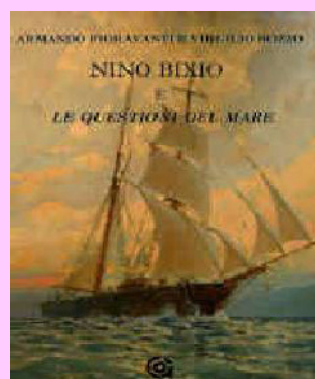
# Reminders

If you wish to renew your association, as we hope, you can do it by paying the yearly fee of €20 in cash at our premises or by postal order (c/c n° 13793161 made payable to "Associazione ex allievi e docenti" Nautico S.Giorgio").

As a member you are entitled to request:

- the Association crest
- the Association tie.
- The Scarf
- The Bicentenary postcards and booklet
- 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.
  - The booklet: *"I duecento anni dell'istruzione nautica statale a Genova"* by Virgilio Bozzo and Armando Fioravanti
  - *"Navigando sul mare dei ricordi"*, stories written by our members

All contributions will be entirely devoted to our scholarships.



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