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In memory of Mario Gandolfi

by Francesco Boero



Dear friends,

We are deeply sorry to have to inform you that our President Emeritus, Commander Mario Gandolfi, passed away on 22 October.

My memory of Mario is limited to the period in which we began together to take care of the management of our Association (at the beginning of the new millennium) and in particular in 2007, when I was the president and he was an arbitrator, and in 2008 on the Dubai Association cruise .

In 2010, as a result of my resignations, the Board appointed him President. A position he held until 2016, when I succeeded to him, following his resignations.

In *Carretta* n.121 of April of that year I wrote: "It is the second time that I happen to succeed to a President with a capital " P "who has directed the Association in an exemplary way and this is a not small thing. What to say? I sincerely thank him for all he has done for the Association."

That same year, during the Assembly and the usual Women's Day party, I gave him a parchment where I jokingly nicknamed him as "Sir Mario Drake" for having lived by the sea and having positions of high responsibility entrusted to him.

I don't know much about his past professional life. This is what I learnt from the article he wrote to the members of our Association on the occasion of his appointment as President: "I sailed on merchant cargo ships and oil tankers, first as an Officer and then as a Master, on all the seas of the world. I circumnavigated the globe twice as a Master. After that, I was fleet commander for the shipping company where I worked for 40 years. Since 1965 I have been a member of *Collegio Nazionale Capitani L.C and D.M.* where I was Director, Vice President and National President ".

And this, for a former student of Nautico San Giorgio, is truly exemplary.

In recent years I have read with great attention and interest his professional articles published in the *Carretta* and in other technical papers and I have appreciated his calm and rational interventions when he had to express his opinions. He was serious but also a man of company, glad to remember the old school days, on the benches of the building in Piazza Palermo. He was respectful and kind and was worth of respect and kindness.

Dear Mario, for the Association and for me you have been a great friend. We will miss you very much. We will always remember you and above all we will remember your teachings... the teaching of a life lived on the sea and for the sea.

ZUMBAI “SIR MARIO DRAKE”

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Summarizing a few facts about com.te Mario Gandolfi

He was born in Camogli in 1930.

He attended the Maritime School *C. Colombo* in Camogli.

After getting his diploma, he started sailing round the world on Liberty ships and on oil tankers. At 28 he had already become a '*comandante di lungo corso*' and at 30 he was '*comandante di armamento*' for the *Ravano* fleet.

He moved to Monte Carlo and became a sort of “fourth son” for the *Ravano* family who greatly appreciated him.

He was one of the promoters of the ‘Clipper Club’ in Genova.

In the fifties he became a member of ‘*Collegio Nazionale Capitani*’.

He was the first president of the ‘*Club dei Capitani di Mare*’ and was President and later President Emeritus of ‘*Collegio Nazionale Capitani*’ and ‘*Associazione Ex Allievi e Docenti of Nautico San Giorgio*’.

He collaborated with *Ministero Mercantile* in connection with the training of seafarers and the coming into force of IMO STCW Convention.

He was married to Maria Amelia Dapelo (descendant of another dynasty of Camoglian sailors), had three sons, Angelo, Francesco e Michele, two grand-sons,, Daniele and Luca and a grand-grand son, Emanuele.

He was a man of adventure and action, an sailor, a charismatic entertainer and presenter (he chaired the San Giorgio Award Ceremony).

He passed away on 22 October at the age of 90.

Go to Carretta 143 to read the following articles in their original version

✚ *Ricordo di Mario Gandolfi* printed by “*Vita e Mare*”, of Collegio Nazionale Capitani.

✚ *Ricordo di Mario Gandolfi* printed on “*DL NEWS*”, on-line paper directed by Decio Lucano.

NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY

by Dante Cacchioli

Dear members,

I am going to start out with by remembering our President Emeritus Mario Gandolfi, who passed away in October, a person of great stature who excelled in every field in which he worked.

Given the restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is useful to mention some points:

- all our activities are temporarily suspended (dinners, awards, scholarships, etc.)**
- our premises are closed**
- consequently the Board cannot meet until a date to be established;**
- our President Francesco Boero has resigned by letter. According to our regulation, however, he will remain in office till the Board can meet and decide whether to accept his resignations or not. For the time beings his duties and responsibilities are taken over by vice president Com.te Patané whom we thank for his availability.**

I invite everyone to collaborate while waiting for better times.

Greeting from the Secretary Dante Cacchioli.

Christmas Greetings

by Cap. Giuseppe Russo
(abridged)



Dear Friends,

**Thanks to the Lord, this year too, Christmas is coming.
This is a day when we spend peaceful hours with our loved ones
We wish it to be the best time for all of us in this crazy 2020.**

In these hours we are attacked by hundreds of news, none of which is positive. Indeed *positive* has become a negative term but remember that it is more sensational and sells more to talk about a hundred sick people than a hundred healthy ones.

The situation around us is not cheerful but we, the ELDERLY, must be strong and feel happy to be alive. We have to cancel the fears that surround us. The Elderly have always been considered a source of wisdom and experience. Let us give strength to our loved ones, friends and acquaintances, and let us fight and overcome fear even when we are lonely and alone.

With this strong-willed spirit we must approach Christmas. Let's not waste a moment of joy and love.

We all wish you a Merry Christmas of peace, love, prosperity and, above all, good health.

From the Webmaster of www.myexsangiorgio.it (off-line)

(by Prof. Manuela Reguzzoni)



Hi everyone,

I'm Manuela, Webmaster of the Association's website. Unfortunately, the old site was registered in the name of dear Dino and, after his death, it has not been renewed but, as you know by now, it has been moved to the address:

www.myexsangiorgio.it

where there already was the site in English. I had been managing both sites for years and, therefore, not much has changed, except the *url* and the look.

I know that the old site had almost 4,000 hits and I see that the new one is starting to be visited (more than 1300 hits up to now).

The Association's website is visible not only from a computer or tablet with an Internet connection but also from any mobile phone, even without an Internet connection, via WI-FI.

Just google it. How?

- 1) Turn on your cell phone
- 2) Access the screen that collects the widgets / applications on your device
- 3) Locate and click the Google icon to access the search screen
- 4) Write: *www.myexsangiorgio.it* in the search window and start the search
- 5) Enlarge the images to read well.

The connection depends on the signal strength in the area you are in. If you have WI-FI, the connection costs you nothing. If not, the cost depends on your provider and your subscription.

Connecting to the site is also possible from old mobile phones, if the Web option is present in the menu, but reading is very difficult since the image cannot be manipulated.

All this is quite obvious and you certainly already know it. But it can be useful for the few who use their cell phones only for phone calls and messages.

Reminders

We are now open on Wednesdays from **10,00 to 11.30.**

You can call us at **3385993370** during opening hours or write to : saverioferrino@hotmail.com or to postmaster@myexsangiorgio.it

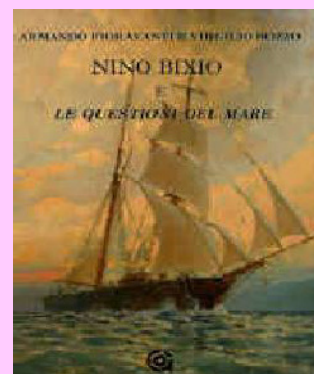
If you wish to renew your 2020/2021 association, you can do it by paying the yearly fee of €20 in cash at our premises or by postal order (c/c n° 13793161 made payable to "Associazione ex allievi e docenti" Nautico S.Giorgio) or bank transfer IBAN **IT82 F0760101 4000 0001 3793 161** (c/o P.O. GE26)

Membership fee valid for 2020 and 2021

As a member you are entitled to request:

- the Association crest
- the Association tie.
- the Association cap and the scarf
- the Bicentenary postcards and booklet
- the books:
 - "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.
 - "I duecento anni dell'istruzione nautica statale a Genova", booklet by Virgilio Bozzo and Armando Fioravanti
 - "Navigando sul mare dei ricordi", stories written by our Members
 - "I Savoia a Genova" by Virgilio Bozzo and Francesco Boero

N.B. All contributions will be *devoted to our scholarships.*



Please visit our website : www.myexsangiorgio.it

N.B. Our newsletter "La Carretta" (Italian edition) is sent to our members by post or email since all members are entitled to receive it. This is done in compliance with the Code regarding the protection of personal data (information released, consent obtained). If you no longer wish to receive our newsletter you can send an e-mail or a letter to the Association expressing your intention to opt out