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Letter to our Members by our New President Francesco Boero



Dearest all,

I'm back! It was February 2007 when, as the new President of our Association, I started up with an article published in issue 76 of "La Carretta".

The task entrusted to me was not at all an easy one. First of all, I was taking the place of Ing. Massimo Figari who had done his job very well and, secondly, at the horizon there loomed the problem of looking for new premises for the Association. In fact, Nautico San Giorgio had moved to the new school complex in Calata Darsena and the old building in Piazza Palermo - where our Association had had its premises since its founding - was closing down.

The whole Council was busy trying to find a solution. I still remember the letters sent to politicians and VIPs and the painful anterooms done with the late prof. Aurelio Banchetti in order to talk to them. Bad memories, but in return, the Association came out with more strength and determination and, also thanks to the Headmaster, Vladimir Iozzi, was given premises near the new school

Despite the difficulties, the Association survives and tries to give its contribution to solve the problems of the merchant navy.

In 2010, due to personal reasons I resigned and was replaced by Captain Mario Gandolfi. Today, I am here again. I was re-elected and, for that, I thank you and the new Council.

I'll spare you my CV, since it was spelled out in the above mentioned article of our newsletter. I only wish to add that in these six years I have continued my activities at the Order of Engineers of the Province of Genoa, where I also held the position of President, and I have been a member of *Consiglio Direttivo della Scuola Superiore di Formazione degli Ingegneri* for three years. Moreover, I have tried to contribute as much as I could, to the management of the Association and, perhaps, I have also bored you with my articles signed "Bauer" (but strictly preceded by: Zumbai).

Yes, it's me the tedious Bauer: I'm the one who has often humorously remembered the good old school days spent as a student at our glorious "Nautico San Giorgio", the one who comes to the ceremonies wearing the white sailor's cap (in our days worn mainly at Carnival), the one who occasionally repeats anecdotes of those beautiful days gone by, the one who, more recently, has handed out humorous scrolls.

For the second time, I am taking the place of an excellent President. Succeeding Captain Mario Gandolfi, who led the Association in an exemplary way, is not easy. What to say? I thank him sincerely for all he has done for the Association and I wish him to know that I consider him not only a good man but, also and above all, concrete, composed and understanding. Thank you very much, Mario (*The Drake*)!

My task, once again, will not be easy because, if you want to work for the good of the future *Nautico* school-leavers, it is necessary to solve some serious issues.

First of all, there is the difficulty faced by young people to embark at the end of their studies. Then, there is the issue of their training- If people really believe that a graduate of a Nautical school should stretch his/her course of studies before starting his working experience on board, it is essential to decide which learning/training path s/he should follow: an undergraduate degree or something different? The path, however, should be different from the one that is currently offered by the University.

Among our members there are many influential people: we'll asking them and all those who operate in the maritime field for their help and support for the good of the young generations who intend to navigate. It is essential to unite our efforts, forgetting all other interests.

I consider it appropriate to give continuity to the programmes being implemented and to the ones already decided upon by the previous Board. "Nautarum mores": steady ahead

I hope that all of you members, who certainly have the future of our Association at heart, will give a real contribution to the activities that the Council and myself will undertake in the near future.

I thank you and I wish a Happy Easter to all of you and to your loved ones.

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Reports on Past Events

The Annual General Meeting



Approval of the 2015 Budget and presentation of the New Board

The annual general meeting of the Association was held at 4.30pm on 8 March. The 2015 budget, laid down by our treasurer and verified by our Auditor, Dott. Francesco Livellara, was approved by the assembly.

The results of the poll and the new Board of Directors were also presented.



The Poll Results

Board Candidates	Preferences		Auditors Candidates	Preferences
Fioravanti	49		Liotta	26
Boero	40		Sartori	16
Bozzo	39		Russo	13
Patanè	38		Reguzzoni	12
Gandolfi	37		Figari	10
Figari M.	28		patané	10
Degl'Innocenti	26		Degl'Innocenti	5
Sartori	25		Cacchioli	4
Russo	24		Boero	3
Cacchioli	21		Bozzo	1
Reguzzoni	17		Fioravanti	1
Lotta	5		Gandolfi	1
Debiasi	2			
Baffo	1			
Lanzola	1			
Lettich	1			
Passano	1			
Peperone	1			
Rota	1			



The 2016 Board of Directors

President	BOERO Francesco
Vice Presidents	FIORAVANTI Armando GANDOLFI Mario
Secretary	CACCHIOLI Dante
Treasurer	RUSSO Giuseppe
Councillors	BOZZO Virgilio FIGARI Massimo SARTORI Luigi REGUZZONI Manuela
Arbitrators	LIOTTA Mario (Presidente) DEGLI INNOCENTI Ivo PATANE' Roberto
Auditor	LIVELLARA Francesco



Keepsake Scrolls

During the meeting keepsake scrolls were handed out to 7 former students of *Nautico San Giorgio* who got their diplomas 50 years ago.



Keepsake scrolls were also handed out to Headmistress Angela Pastorino, to her Deputy Marina Nicora and to some members of the Association. Devised by our new President Ing. Francesco Boero, they were rather humorous.

The Headmistress was also presented with a white *papalina* decorated with the symbols of the School four courses (Deck, Engine, Naval Architecture, Logistics).



The Women's Day Cocktail



After the Association annual meeting on 8 March, there was a party at I.T.N. San Giorgio.



The refreshments were enjoyed by a large number of members, relatives and friends.

To celebrate Women's Day, a mimosa branch was offered to the many ladies present.

We wish to thank all the people who contributed to the organisation of the event and , in particular, our "chef" Dino Fioravanti and his wife Mariella (who made all the cakes). Magdalene Gresch Bozzo (Russian salad), Anna Giangreco Astro (*castagnaccio*) and others.

News on Upcoming Events

A Visit to the Town Historical Centre



Date: Saturday, 16 April

Time: 3.30 pm

Meeting Place: lobby of Palazzo Ducale

Max number of participants: 25

As usual, Prof. Francesco Pivetta will be our guide on a visit to the historical centre which will include: the *Chiesa del Gesù*, S. Lorenzo Cathedral and its cloister

An aperitif will be offered by the Association at the end of the tour

Interested? Please book as soon as possible, calling

- **Armando Fioravanti 339 7210618**
- **or**
- **Luigi Sartori 342 1214372 5**



NEWS & INFO (miscellanea)

Curios about NAUTICO San GIORGIO

(by Virgilio Bozzo)

The school year 2014-15 marked a record since no *privatista students* passed the final school-leaving exam. Two showed up but none passed.

According to our data, which go back to 1865, in the 19th century the *privatista students* were more numerous than the school *internal students*.

From 1900 to 2000 the number of *privatista students* was limited with the exceptions of

- the 1918-1919 school year with 24 *internal students* and 57 *privatista students* (81 graduated in total),
- the 1919- 1920 school year, with 89 *internal students* e 132 *privatista students* (221 graduated in total)
- the 1948-1949, school year with 57 *internal students* e 74 *privatista students* (131 graduated in total).

These exceptional data were motivated by the fact that the wars had just ended.



Updates on Our Premises

Prof. Manuela Reguzzoni has just completed a tableau with our “*Docenti di Lungo Corso*” with all the names and the photos that Virgilio Bozzo was able to find.

The walls of our premises are now decorated with:

- two tableaus with photos and names of teachers :
 - *Dccenti di Lunghissimo Corso* (with 24 and above years of teaching at Nautico S. Giorgio)
 - *Dccenti di Lungo Corso* (from 16 to 23 years of teaching at Nautico S. Giorgio)
- three large tableaus of former Nautico S. Giorgio school-leavers
- three paintings
 - the *Amerigo Vespucci*, painted by our member Ms. Ida Pittelli,
 - a beautiful sailing vessel, donated by Com.te Dante Cacchioli),
 - the *Conte Grande* (donated by Mrs. Sara Malatesta Saitta);
- a panel reproducing the Italian Flag in its historical evolution, donated by Com.te Roberto Patané)
- a plaque featuring the Association founding members in June 1987
- a Captains licence issued in 1882



The book of stories written by you, our members

by Virgilio Bozzo

Remember the book we talked about in issue 119 of La Carretta?

We were planning to publish a book with stories based on our members' life experience or on the experience of one of their friends or relatives.

The topics? memories of life at sea or of Nautico San Giorgio.

At present we have received about 30 stories. Here are the names of the members who have already sent us their contributions :

- *Baffo Aldo*
- *Boero Francesco*
- *Bozzo Virgilio*
- *Cafiero Riccardo*
- *Castello Pino*
- *Debiasi Guido*
- *Gandolfi Mario*
- *Girardini Luigi*
- *La Fauci Domenico*
- *Monti Teresio*
- *Patané Roberto*
- *Riccardi Giuseppe*
- *Sarno Rinaldo*
- *Venturi Carlo*

Come on! Join the group! Write and send something to the editorial board.

- **Armando Fioravanti, co-ordinator**
- **Bozzo Virgilio, editor (Tel: 010-363367 o 3474463828)**
- **Ivo Degl'Innocenti, PC printer**

The book title will be chosen among the ones proposed by the members and by the authors
The format, the publisher, the cost and the number of copies to be printed will be decided by the Board of Directors.

Reminders

If you wish to renew your 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").

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.



Will you please remember to let us have your mail account by writing:

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You can visit our sites at:

www.exsangiorgio.it (Italian) and www.myexsangiorgio.it (English) .