



**Gennaro Arma** (nick named in English: "The Brave Captain", Piano di Sorrento, May 3, 1975) is an Italian maritime Captain.

He attended the Nautical Technical Institute "Nino Bixio" of Piano di Sorrento where he graduated "deck cadet captain " in 1993.

When he was just eighteen years old, he began to sail aboard chemical and cable-laying ships, first as a deckhand, deck boy and galley boy, and then as a deck officer.

In May 1998, he joined the U.S. cruise line Princess Cruises, where he spent his entire career until he became Captain in 2015 and of the

Diamond Princess in 2018.

The COVID-19 epidemic that raged on the ship Arma Captain in early 2020 led to its detention in the port of Yokohama and its quarantine by the Japanese health authorities from February 4 to March 1, 2020, when the evacuation ended; after managing the difficult situation, Captain Arma disembarked last. For his demeanor and behavior, on March 5, 2020, President of the Italian Republic Sergio Mattarella awarded him the honor of Commander of the OMRI. He lives in Sant'Agnello (NA).

He is the author of the book "La lezione più importante: quello che il mare mi ha insegnato" (The most important lesson: what the sea has taught me), published by Mondadori and published in November 2020, in which he recounts the events on board the Diamond Princess.

Since July 2021 he is President of IAM - Istruttori Associati Marittimi, an association that aims to contribute to the growth of the Italian maritime cluster.