



## Press Release

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### The association is born to establish the figure of the instructor of the sea (Marine Instructor), have already joined nearly 200 professionals in the sector.

Since July 2021 IAM - Istruttori Associati Marittimi - was born, an international association open **to all, which has already been joined by almost 200 people between sea professionals and maritime instructors** from Italy and abroad, united by the objective of contributing in a concrete way to the growth of the maritime cluster. Maritime transport is the backbone of the global economy and maritime workers are the first brick of this system. We are living in an extraordinary moment for growth and development in the world of shipping a turning point that could be epochal and this has never been more evident than now.

We are bringing together people who are creating premises, not promises, for a broader transformation of the sector and help boost the competitiveness of the Italian maritime workforce. Ecological transition, digital and cyber security are fundamental aspects for the development of the blue economy without forgetting all those professionals working in the sector who face issues such as education, safety and training.

*"A few months - says **Captain Gennaro Arma, President of the Association** - from our constitution, we had a growth and a response in terms of associates remarkable and not only in Italians this new adventure we aim to provide a technical contribution, information and knowledge for a future of development and prosperity by leveraging a wealth of solid knowledge, accumulated over the years in the field."*

*"Our first objective - **emphasizes Captain and Vice President Modestino Manfredi**, - is the legal recognition of the instructor of the sea. Figure this that in the daily practice contributes to form the workers of the sea providing the skills required to make up for the increasingly evident lack of qualified personnel."*

IAM has the following objectives:

1. Establish an ongoing relationship with the Maritime Authority aimed at acquiring information on new regulations and/or standards and the search for possible forms of collaboration.
2. The promotion and formation of voluntary lists of operators in the areas of statutory relevance, giving the opportunity to shipowners, shipping agencies, shipping companies and shipyards to be able to access a shared platform using specialized personnel.
3. The protection of the work and the professional prestige of the members in every area; to safeguard the increase of job opportunities.

"The spirit that animates our association - **added the Captain Arma**- is to promote the maritime culture in all its forms, as well as the promotion of studies and research in the field in which Italian seafarers operate, the development and implementation of cultural projects, information and guidance in the maritime industry."

We at IAM are there and we are ready to guarantee our know-how in all operational and institutional business locations.

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