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MARINA MILITARE: SAIL TRAINING TALL SHIP AMERIGO VESPUCCI WILL VISIT LISBON (PORTUGAL) FROM 22th TILL 25th JULY 2016

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In occasion of her 85th Anniversary, the Sail Training Tall Ship of the Italian Navy AMERIGO VESPUCCI, led by Captain Curzio PACIFICI, will arrive in Lisbon where she will be moored at Santa Apolónia, Bollards 42,46A, from July 22th until July 25th.

This port of call will take place in the occasion of the traditional summer training campaign of the Italian Navy Academy Cadets.

The Amerigo VESPUCCI set sail from the port of Livorno (Leghorn), Tuscany, on the last July 07th in order to begin her **80th training campaign in which 101 embarked Cadets will take part.**

This year the campaign program includes the Western Mediterranean Sea, the Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea and the Scandinavian Sea.

The ship set sail from Port Mahon (Spain) on the last 17th of July and the following harbours that will be visited, as follows:

- Lisbon (Portugal) from July 22nd to July 25th
- Cadiz (Spain) from July 28th to August 01st
- Dublin (Ireland) from August 10th to August 13rd
- Oslo (Norway) from August 22th to August 25th
- Copenhagen (Denmark) from August 27th to August 30th
- Antwerpen (Belgium) from September 05th to September 08th
- Brest (France) from September 11th to September 14th
- Valencia (Spain) from September 24th to September 27th

The ship is due to return to Livorno on October 01st.

Free Public viewing on board of Amerigo VESPUCCI in Lisbona is scheduled as follows:

- Friday 22 July 16.00 – 18.30 and 20.00 – 22.00
- Saturday 23 July 10.30 – 12.00 and 14.30 – 17.00
- Sunday 24 July 14.30 – 18.30 and 20.00 – 22.00.

Journalists and camera operators wishing to attend the “**press conference**” on board on **Friday 22th July (1500 – 1600)**, will submit accreditation request until 22th July at 10.00 (by e-mail) at the following email address: laura.sanetti@marina.difesa.it



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Amerigo VESPUCCI is a Sail Training Tall Ship of the Italian Navy. She was launched on February 22nd 1931 and she was commissioned into the Italian Navy on June 6th of the same year. The ship was conceived with the aim of maintaining a high quality level in the Naval Academy Cadets' military education and training. From a technical and structural point of view, the Vespucci is a three-decked sail tall ship with a diesel-electric propulsion system and has, from bow to stern, three masts (the foremast- the main mast- the mizzen mast). The tallest is 54 meters high (about 177 ft). Equipped with yards and square sails plus the bowsprit which functions as a fourth mast for a total sail surface of approximately 2.400 square meters (24 sails). The ship is 101 meters (331 ft) long (overall). The sails are made from a particular cloth called Olona (canapé thread, 2 to 4 millimetresthick). On the Vespucci all the sails are manouvered manually, using ropes made of natural and synthetic fibres. She is equipped with 11 boats. With a compliment of 264 members, the crew is considered the heart-beat of the ship. They are divided in 15 Officers, 64 NCOs (Non Commissioned Officers) and 185 sailors performing numerous roles and duties. When the Naval Academy Cadets and Support Staff embark the number increases up to approximately 400 persons on board.

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ITALIAN NAVY SAIL TRAINING TALL SHIP “AMERIGO VESPUCCI”

TECHNICAL FEATURES

Designer:	Lt.Cdr. Francesco ROTUNDI
Projected/Laid down:	12th of May 1930
Launch:	22nd of February 1931
Delivery to the IT Navy:	26th of May 1931
Port of assignment:	- La Spezia (ITALY)
Owner:	- ITALIAN NAVY GENERAL STAFF – Piazza della Marina, 4 – 00196- ROME - ITALY
Email address / web site	- vespucci@marina.difesa.it / www.marina.difesa.it
Commanding Officer	- Captain (Navy) Curzio PACIFICI
MMSI Number	- 247999000
The Mission:	- EDUCATION & TRAINING (Cadets of the Naval Accademy in Leghorn, Military Naval High School “F. Morosini” in Venice, Sail Training Association-I, Lega Navale Italiana, etc.) - Naval Diplomacy - “Dual-Use” in cooperation with NGOs (e.g. UNICEF, WWF, MareVivo, etc.)
Displacement (gross registered tonnage):	4.000 Tons
Lenght:	82 mt (Hull) - 101 mt (LOA - Overall)
Width:	15,5 mt
Immersion:	7,3 mt
The Sails:	2.650 square mt - 24 sails, square-sails, Staysails, Jibs plus one gaff-sail; The sails are made of hemp, “olona” canvas, made by sewing strips of cloth called “ferzi”.
The Masts:	Mizzen Mast (43 mt) – Main-Mast (54 mt) – Fore-Mast (50 mt) – Bowsprit (18 mt)
Cables, ropes and blocks:	Total length of ropes: about 36 Km. Blocks, Tackles: 900 wooden made and 120 iron made.
The Hull:	Three main decks type, the main-deck, or weather-deck,

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	the battery-deck and the passageways-deck, running from bow to stern with quarter-deck and poop-deck. The typical white bands on the black hull remember the two cannon decks of the classical 19th century vessel.
Variety of wood:	Teak: main-deck and the stern-bridge; Mahogany, Teak and Holy-Wood: for nautical fitting; Ash wood: gratings; Oak: Officers' Mess and Officers' cabins; Mahogany and Walnut: Conference Room.
Boats:	11 in total: 2 speed-boats, 2 motor-boats, 2 fire-boats, 4 ship's boats (oar and sail driven) used for the cadets' training, and the typical "whale boat" with oars, on the stern of the ship, reserved to the Commanding Officer.
Engine:	Integrated Diesel-Elettrical: 2 Diesel generators MTU 12VM33F 2 x 1320 kW [1770 Hp] 2 Diesel generators MTU 8VM23F 2 x 760 kW [1019 Hp] 1 Electrical Propulsion Engine (MEP) ex Ansaldo Sistemi Industriali (NIDEC ASI) CR1000Y8 (2 x 750 kW)
Electrical system:	Primary distribution 380V / 50hz Secondary distribution 220V / 50hz e 115V / 60 hz Interior/Exterior Lights: LED
Max Power:	Max 2840 kW (2 D/G "shore" + 1 D/G "navigation")
Speed:	Max 11 knots, engine-driven - Max 15 knots, under sails
Crew:	264 of crew members (15 Officers, 64 Petty Officers, 185 Seamen) + about 130 members of the Naval Academy (30 Staff + 100 Cadets)

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The Commanding Officer of Amerigo VESPUCCI

Italian Navy Captain Curzio PACIFICI

Navy Captain Curzio PACIFICI was born in Livorno (Italy), on 19th November 1964.

He graduated from the Italian Naval College in 1987 and then he attended the Aviation School of the US Navy in Pensacola (Florida). After earning his Fixed and Rotary Wing Pilot License, he was assigned to the Naval Air Station in Catania for the transition into an AB 212 ASW helicopter pilot. In 1990 he was deployed on board Frigates and Destroyers of the Italian Fleet in La Spezia Naval Base. During this period Capt. Pacifici participated in different Operations in the Mediterranean Sea and in the Persian Gulf as well, under National, EU or NATO Flag.

In 1995, he assumed the command of MHC TERMOLI. In 1996, he was assigned on board the Destroyer MIMBELLI where he carried out the duty of Chief of Operational Department first and Executive Officer afterwards. In 1998, as his first shore assignment, he was appointed Staff Officer to the Chief of Staff of the Italian Joint Operational Headquarters (IT JOHQ). Promoted Commander on 1st January 2001, he assumed the command of the Italian Navy Frigate BERSAGLIERE on October 17th 2003. In 2004, he was assigned to the Italian Navy General Staff, where he commanded the Flight Support Office at the Naval Aviation Department. In 2006, he was assigned to the NATO Allied Command Transformation Headquarters in the Education and Training Branch.

From 2009 to 2012 he was Deputy Chief of the Naval Aviation Department of the Italian Navy General Staff. Capt. Pacifici has a degree in Maritime and Naval Science and in Political Science. In the academic year 2002-2003, he attended the Advance Command and Staff Course no. 6 at the Joint Services Command and Staff College in UK, and he received a Master Degree in Defence Studies from the King's College of London.

Since 29th October 2012, Capt. Pacifici has been appointed Commanding Officer of the Italian Training Tall Ship Amerigo VESPUCCI.

Captain PACIFICI is married to Mrs Giovanna BARACCHINO.