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ItalianYachtMasters tackles Port State Control with help of DNV-GL Academy

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Just over a month after hosting a workshop on the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC), the ItalianYachtMasters association has taken its next step towards improving the education of its members, this time by hosting a one-day course on Port State Control (PSC).

Administered by the DNV-GL Academy's Guilo Riva and Alessandro Ranieri, and hosted at La Spezia's Port Mirabello, the one-day course prepared captains for the types of questions they should be prepared to face under a PSC inspection, with additional focus on the now-relevant MLC regulations that will be investigated as part of the routine inspections.

Members of the ItalianYachtMasters were told about the process of inspection; beginning from the boarding ladder, looking at security control and the appearance of the yacht and thoroughly checking the documentation of the yacht and the crew. The captains were informed of the importance of understanding the responsibility of and correct way to present paper work as part of a PSC inspection, and that failure to comply with the relevant codes of the IMO and ILO can lead to a more in-depth inspection and, if these in-depth inspections do not alleviate concerns, the PSC officer can detail the vessel for major deficiencies.

"No one would like to face this type of nightmare with the owner or the charter guests on board. In order to be prepared, to understand fully what to expect, our rights and our duty in the case of a PSC, ItalianYachtmasters decided that this was a vital issue [and] its members [should] have a better knowledge of the PSC procedures," explained Captain Dario Savino, a member of the board of directors of the ItalianYachtMasters association and captain of *Regina d'Italia*.

The association's next step towards better education of its members will be a course on the STCW and its 2010 amendments.



The association has made significant progress since its inaugural event in October 2013 (above)

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