

PRESS RELEASE

INTERMARINE (IMMSI GROUP): HANDOVER IN MESSINA OF THE SECOND BOAT FOR THE COAST GUARD IN THE “ANGELI DEL MARE” CLASS

THE LONGEST SELF-RIGHTING AND UNSINKABLE VESSELS EVER BUILT IN ITALY, FITTED WITH WORLD-LEADING TECHNOLOGY

The boat will be named *Roberto Aringhieri*, after a Coast Guard officer decorated with the Navy's Gold Medal for Distinguished Service

Messina, 28 October 2021 – Intermarine S.p.A., a subsidiary of the Immsi S.p.A. industrial Group (IMS.MI), today delivered the CP421 “Roberto Aringhieri” to the General Command of the Corps of the Port Captaincies, Coast Guard, at the Messina shipyard. The vessel is the second boat in the “Angeli del Mare” class, the longest self-righting and unsinkable boats ever built in Italy and among the world's largest Search and Rescue units.

The CP 421 joins the CP 420 “Natale De Grazia”, two patrol boats dedicated to those who worked at sea with generosity and sacrifice. **Vessels designed and developed to perform the vital task assigned to the Coast Guard by history and by law: sea search and rescue, a mission that they are able to perform even in the most testing meteorological and marine conditions.**

The date of the handover, 28 October, was chosen at the express wish of the General Commander of the Corps of the Port Captaincies, Coast Guard Admiral Head Inspector Nicola Carlone, to pay tribute to the memory of the Coast Guard officer for whom the boat is named, who died on active service. Lieutenant Roberto Aringhieri died prematurely on this day 26 years ago, while working as a member of a team of inspection assigned to check the cargo of a foreign merchant vessel. Given the dramatic circumstances of his death, Lieutenant Aringhieri was awarded the Navy's Gold Medal for Distinguished Service.

A product of excellence from Italy's shipbuilding industry and a proud example of the country's maritime capabilities, this type of self-righting boat was designed by the Intermarine research centre using world-leading technologies. With its 10-strong crew, the *Aringhieri* represents the best in current naval technology, with state-of-the-art propulsion and communication instruments. A boat with an advanced command and control system, it guarantees greater autonomy, greater receptive capabilities and better logistics for the crew, for the rescue of people adrift in the sea and on-board during rescue operations involving large numbers of people. The vessel, **built in a light alloy** at the Intermarine shipyard in Messina, is **more than 33 metres LOA**. The hull has a deep-V structure for a **top speed of more than 31 knots; at a speed of 28 knots, the unit has a range of over 1,000 nautical miles.**

“*TEMPESTATE MARIS SPE VOLAT*” - “In the storms of the sea, it flies with hope” is the boat's official motto, expressing Aringhieri's sense of belonging to the Corps and his legacy to the new generations and to those who, like him, are part of the Coast Guard, which provides invaluable service for the community every day.

On completion of the conformity check and the period during which the crew will familiarise themselves with the vessel the administrative handover will be complete, and the boat will be able to hoist the Italian Tricolore flag, which has been entrusted to the designated Captain, Lieutenant Arturo Incerti.

The handover should have been followed by an official presentation ceremony, attended by the General Commander and the family of the officer for whom the boat is named, but the event has been postponed due to the severe weather conditions in East Sicily.

Today's delivery of the Aringhieri will allow the period during which the crew will familiarise themselves with the vessel to begin, so that the boat can begin operations as soon as possible under the command of Lieutenant Arturo Incerti.

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In the military sector, Intermarine S.p.A., a subsidiary of the Immsi S.p.A. industrial Group (IMS.MI), has developed solid experience and knowhow in the design and construction of non-conventional vessels with high-precision operating requirements, and has established an excellent international reputation as a supplier to the world's most prestigious navies of technologically sophisticated boats such as minesweepers, of which it is one of the leading world designers, builders and outfitters. Intermarine has already built 44 minehunters, in 9 different configurations, for the navies of 8 countries, including the USA, Finland, Australia and Italy. Other boats built by Intermarine in the military sector include patrol boats in aluminium and composite material for search and rescue operations, notably high-speed multipurpose boats (UNPAV), versatile and modern vessels that are also used to control maritime traffic and ensure security where there is a threat of asymmetric warfare.



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