

NAVE ITALIA AND THE FOUNDATION TENDER TO NAVE ITALIA

NAVE ITALIA: SYMBOL OF SOLIDARITY AT THE TALL SHIPS' RACES 2007 MEDITERRANEA

**The biggest sail brigantine in the world will sail from Alicante on July 4th and
take part to the race of the "big masted vessels"**

Nave Italia, the biggest sail brigantine in the world, on July 4th 2007 will be in Alicante, on the starting line of the Tall Ships' Race.

Nave Italia, 61 metres long, 9,20 metres large and with a sail area of 1300 square metres, can host more than 30 persons plus the crew.

But Nave Italia is not simply a floating hotel, but a place where projects of research, education, training and therapy are carried out. In fact it is the heart of *Tender To Nave Italia*, an Onlus foundation constituted on January 10th, 2007 by the Italian Navy and Yacht Club Italiano.

<p style="text-align: center;">THE FOUNDATION TENDER TO NAVE ITALIA</p>
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The aim of the Foundation *Tender to Nave Italia* is to give a concrete and significant contribution to the welfare of the weak people of the society: children, youngsters, people with physical, mental, sensory handicaps, sick and old people, by promoting sea and navigation as preferential experiences of education, training and therapy.

A pirate university, in other words, mobile, financially independent, that works side by side with the existing structures in order to be a meeting and exchange point of different and international experiences: an Italian ambassador, educating, training and responsible in the world seas.

The Foundation is supported by the Well-deserving Promoters *Banchero and Costa, Siad, STAI, Telecom Italia and UniCredit Private Banking*, who have faith in this great solidarity venture.

Areas of participation

The Foundation *Tender to Nave Italia* works following two directions:

1. Planning interventions in support of the disabled people, in collaboration with associations and organizations

2. Training and updating of the operators in the social field

In particular the Foundation *Tender to Nave Italia* foresees activities aimed within these two big areas:

1. Planning interventions in support of the disabled people, in collaboration with associations and organizations, implies:

- Activity of prevention of wastage
- Projects for orphans
- Educational activity for youngsters reported by the social services and/or the judicial institutions
- Interventions of guideline and autonomy for physically, mentally and sensory handicapped people
- Experimental projects of cultural integration
- Activity of support for sick people and their families
- Initiatives and projects for old people

2. Training and updating of the operators in the social field expressed in:

- Experiences on board of Nave Italia as an occasion of training, experimenting and widening within university courses pertaining the Foundation's work objects

- Accredited and recognized updating courses for school, social and sociosanitary operators, finalized to present and propose the potentials and the educational, training and therapeutic utilizations of the resources and projects of the Foundation.

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The Tall Ships' Races 2007 Mediterranea is the race of the big vessels, that will take place next July from Alicante to Genoa. Organized by Sta-I (Sail Training Association, Italia, founded by the Italian Navy and by Yacht Club Italiano in 1996), the event sees the presence of the big masted vessels of the sea-training schools of different Countries. Europe's most beautiful vessels will start from Alicante towards Barcelona, Toulon and arrive in Genoa. MSC Crociere will be the main sponsor of the Tall Ships' Races 2007 Mediterranea in Genoa.

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