



All the winners from the 2011 Lloyd's List Italian Shipping Awards.

Aldo Grimaldi applauded for Italian shipping contribution

Owner given standing ovation as he wins Cristoforo Colombo prize at Lloyd's List Italian Shipping Awards

ALDO Grimaldi received a standing ovation when he was announced as the 2011 winner of the Cristoforo Colombo Award at the third Lloyd's List Italian Shipping Awards.

More than 400 people attended the gala evening at Rome's Erfige Palace Hotel and gave Mr Grimaldi a rousing reception when his lifetime contribution to the Italian shipping community was recognised.

In officially opening the event, Confitarma president Paolo D'Amico reminded the audience of the words of Italy's first Minister of Marine, Camillo Benso Conte di Cavour, in 1861, who said Italy must recognise and develop maritime activities across all sectors.

He said the Italian Shipping Awards highlighted the importance of Italian shipping from shipowners to ship agents, from ports to shipbuilders, to the wider community.

The Italian shipping industry was strong and capable of continuing to innovate and would also continue to play a major role in the creation of employment.

"I am proud to be a part of this dynamic industry," he said.

He added this year's awards event coincided with three significant anniversaries: the 150th anniversary of Italian unification, the 150th anniversary of Rina and the 110th anniversary of Confitarma.

As with previous successful events in Naples and Genoa, the audience consisted of a wide cross-section of the Italian shipping community, with all major maritime regions represented.

Italian television personality Federica Torti was Master of Ceremonies for the awards event, assisted by co-host Angelo Scorza.

Thirteen awards were presented, with 12 being decided by the judging panel through a secret ballot overseen by a notary. One category, the Italian Shipping Newsmaker of the Year, was chosen by the Lloyd's List organisers of the event.

The judging panel, headed by shipping journalist Angelo Scorza, comprised Giuliano Alberghini, Alberto Banchemo, Giancarlo Casani, Daniela Fara, Alessandro Sommella and Stefano Zunarelli, while Elio Bergamo was the panel's notary.



Gian Enzo Duci, with his peers, was the winner of the New Generation Award.



Aldo Grimaldi, left, receives his award from RINA chief executive Ugo Salerno.

The winners Aldo Grimaldi, a pioneer in containers and offshore vessels as well as a tanker and passenger vessel owner, received the Cristoforo Colombo Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by Rina. In his tribute to Mr Grimaldi, Rina chief executive Ugo Salerno described him as an outstanding entrepreneur with a remarkable ability to foresee changes to the world of shipping in a career spanning more than 60 years.

The Lloyd's List Newsmaker of the Year Award went to Roberto Giorgi, president of V.Ships, the world's largest shipmanagement company. Mr Giorgi has been a champion of seafarers' rights and has been at the forefront of efforts to combat criminalisation of seafarers and the threat posed to seafarers by piracy. This was the only category adjudicated directly by the organisers of the Italian Shipping Awards.

Gian Enzo Duci was the popular winner of the New Generation Award, sponsored by Cambiaso Riso Marine. A leading ship agent and managing director of Enterprise Shipping Agency, Mr Duci is also involved in maritime education as a professor in the economic faculty of Genoa University and as a tutor with the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers distance learning programme. He also co-founded the young agents group of Federagenti in 2005 and was its president in 2009. The award was presented by the president of Cambiaso Riso Marine, Marco Riso.

The Dry Cargo Operator of the Year Award, sponsored by Eni, was won by Energy Shipping and was presented by Eni senior vice-president, fuel sales, Francesco Franchi. Energy Shipping has developed a dynamic presence in the international dry cargo markets and this year took delivery of three new ships, which represent the beginning of what

should become a substantial fleet in the years ahead. The award was accepted by Energy Shipping chief executive Pietro Repetto.

Mariella Amoretti accepted the award for Amoretti Armatori, which was named Tanker Operator of the Year. Amoretti Armatori owns a fleet of 11 double-hulled tankers operating mainly in the Mediterranean and North seas. The award was sponsored by PL Ferrari and Co and was presented by managing director and chief executive Federico Deodato.

MSC Crociere was named the 2011 Cruise or Ferry Operator of the Year, a category sponsored by Unitramp Shipbrokers. The award, presented by Unitramp chief executive Aldo Frulio, was accepted by Franco Ronzi, chairman of MSC Italy. MSC Crociere is reaping the rewards of a long-term €5.5bn (\$7.8bn) investment strategy, which has seen the company move to fourth place in world cruiseship rankings.

Ship Agent of the Year was Agenzia Marittima E. Lardon & Co and the award was accepted by associate partner Giorgio Bucchioni. Mr Bucchioni has been a leading figure in the shipping community of La Spezia for more than 40 years, both as a ship agent and a major voice in the future development of the port city. The award was presented by Umberto Masucci, past president of the Federation of National Associations of Shipbrokers and Agents.

Enrico Scolaro Shipbrokers won the Marine Broker of the Year award. The award was accepted by Tommaso Scolaro, son of the company's chief executive, Enrico Scolaro, who has established an outstanding reputation in the sale, purchase and chartering of ro-ro vessels, full containerships, passenger ferries and chemical tankers. The award was presented by the president of Federagenti, Filippo Gallo.

Gennaro Fiore, director general of Confitarma, presented the Professional Adviser of the Year award to Unicredit, which has become one of Italy's most prominent shipping banks, developing specialised ship finance units in Rome and Milan. The award was accepted by Unicredit's head of shipping finance Italy, Massimo Zanieri.

The award for Environmental Protection was won by Ignazio Messina and Co for its outstanding contribution to the greening of the

port of Genoa. The award was presented by Valeria Novella, president of Gruppo Giovani Armatori, and was accepted by chief executive Emanuele Messina.

The Port or Terminal of the Year was sponsored by DBA Lab and won by SECH Terminal Contenitori, Porto di Genova. The terminal has invested steadily to improve efficiency and raise productivity. Its recent crane modernisation programme has allowed it to handle vessels with a capacity of 8,500 teu. The award was presented by the chairman of Holding DBA Group, Francesco de Bettin, and accepted by the president of SECH Terminal, Luigi Negri.

Rina was the winner of the Maritime Services award. The award recognised Rina's continuing growth as an international player and in particular its new financing initiative with Mediocredito aimed at improvements in the environmental sustainability of

new ships. The award was presented by the president of Confitarma, Paolo D'Amico, and accepted by Rina's Marine Division director, Antonio Pingiri.

The Maritime Education and Training award, sponsored by d'Amico Societa di Navigazione, was won by Ennio Palmesino, who was instrumental in the creation and launch of Italy's School of Maritime Brokerage which has become an important institution in Europe's network of professional training facilities. Mr Palmesino accepted the award from Mariella Zezza, the Lazio administrative region's head of work and education.

The awards are officially supported by prominent bodies in Italian shipping, including Confitarma, Federagenti, Assorimorchiatore, Federazione del Mare, Assoport, Guardia Costiera, Wista Italia, Accademia Italiana Marina Mercantile and AIPAM. ■

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Winners at a glance

Dry Cargo Operator of the Year — Energy Shipping
Tanker Operator of the Year — Amoretti Armatori
Cruise of Ferry Operator of the Year — MSC Crociere
Ship Agent of the Year — Agenzia Marittima E Lardon and C
Marine Broker of the Year — Enrico Scolaro Shipbrokers
Professional Adviser of the Year — UniCredit
Achievement in Environmental Protection — Ignazio Messina and C
Port Terminal of the Year — SECH Terminal Contenitori, Genoa
Maritime Services Award — Rina
Maritime Education and Training Award — Ennio Palmesino
New Generation Award — Gian Enzo Duci
Italian Shipping Newsmaker of the Year — Roberto Giorgi
Cristoforo Colombo Lifetime Achievement Award — Aldo Grimaldi

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