



ITS - FONDAZIONE G. CABOTO

SCUOLA SUPERIORE DI TECNOLOGIA PER IL MARE

**I.T.S. “Fondazione G. Caboto” counts over 100 graduates:**

**another 41 young students ready to board Italian ships**

*Letters of commitment to hire new graduates awarded.*

*The institute continues expansion to meet the demand of shipping companies*

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I.T.S. “**Fondazione G. Caboto**” continues its incredible growth, **counting over 100 graduates** following the ceremony held on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, for the **41 young students** who achieved their diplomas in December 2016. This historical milestone confirmed the winning formula of the “I.T.S.” tertiary education model and the Caboto institute in particular, which brings the world of education closer to the labour market and guarantees employment.

As per tradition, the graduates awarded a certificate as “**Advanced Technician for mobility of people and goods – Ship Machinery and Equipment**” received a letter of commitment for recruitment by the companies that participated in the training process: **Amoretti Armatori Group, Calisa Novella, Carbofotta, Finaval, Fratelli d’Amico, Gruppo d’Amico, Italia Marittima, ENI Ing Shipping and Premuda**.

These exceptional numbers demonstrate the constant growth of I.T.S. Caboto since it was founded in 2010 with the establishment of the Foundation. When courses started in 2011, around 60 students participated, while today the students in classrooms and on board with the Institute amount to almost 170. During the same period applications almost tripled, thanks to an employment rate for graduates close to 100%.

*“I.T.S. Caboto has continued growth and investment to meet the needs of the shipping industry”, said Chairman Cesare d’Amico. “We took on the task of giving these 41 students a real opportunity for growth and a future, which was made possible thanks to the cooperation of the partner shipping companies and proved the crucial role played by I.T.S. education”.*

The key importance of the Italian maritime cluster is glaringly obvious when you look at its contribution to the country’s GDP (32.6 billion euros) and employment (2% of the workforce, 471,000 people between direct employees and contractors)<sup>1</sup>.

And in recent years, a demand for qualified staff by shipping companies has emerged: according to a BIMCO report, the limited number of seafarers available for employment on board worldwide is insufficient to meet the demand of ship-owners, and this gap is likely to increase from 16,500 units to nearly 150,000 in 2025<sup>2</sup>.

These figures emphasize the need for key players in the maritime economy to team up and train highly qualified seafarers, drawing on the I.T.S system. This form of tertiary education brings labour and educational requirements together with alternated curricula and the structural integration of teachers from the business world: a form of experiential teaching whose quality is also certified by grants.

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<sup>1</sup> Data from the Introduction by Confitarma President Emanuele Grimaldi at the Annual Meeting held on 28 June 2016.

<sup>2</sup> “Manpower Report. The global supply and demand for seafarers in 2015”.



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During two years of training, students at I.T.S. Caboto attend 1,500 hours of classes and spend three periods at sea for a total of 3,000 hours and 12 months paid work, necessary to earn the official qualification.

Now considered an establishment in the sector, I.T.S. Caboto has created a virtuous cycle, increasing the number of partner shipping companies. Born in 2010 with just d'Amico Società di Navigazione as founding partner, it now relies on the support of eleven different companies: d'Amico, F.Ili d'Amico, Carbofonna, Finaval, Italia Marittima, RBD Armatori, Amoretti Armatori Group, ENI Ing shipping, Calisa (O. Novella), Premuda and Finbeta. In pursuit of growth and consolidation, in coming years the Institute intends to increase the number of partners available to support the recruitment of young graduates. Additional educational programs for the professional training of specialised technicians are currently being studied, representing another big step forward.

### G. CABOTO FOUNDATION

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The Foundation is an actor in the technological field of Sustainable Mobility of people and goods and in the Production of transport systems and/or relevant infrastructure, with particular regard to maritime transport and the fields defined on the National Technical Maritime Platform.

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