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Sailing Club
“Ugo Costaguta”

Associazione Sportiva Dilettantistica

Established in 1898 as Circolo “Vulturium”
Genova – Voltri

Brief historical outline

Circolo Nautico Vulturium, established in 1898, is one of the first ten sailing club in Italy. Among its founders stand out such illustrious names as Enrico A. D'Albertis and Ugo Costaguta.

In the last part of '800 Enrico D'Albertis with "Violante" is the forerunner of yachting in Italy; with his "Corsaro" he retraced the route of Columbus to the Americas.



Ugo Costaguta is a talented designer who creates his brilliant ideas in the homonymous shipyard in Voltri (west end of Genoa). Having wowed the press and the public with fast and beautiful boats, among them "Nella", in 1902 it is time for "Artica" (commissioned by Luigi Amedeo of Savoy), who won the French Cup.

After the untimely death of this great designer, the members decided to dedicate the club to his name.



The first decades of the nineteenth century saw among the leading names in the sailing Raimondo Panario (whose name is associated with the use of large bow-sail named Genoa) and Angelo Parodi (Madame Heriot - appreciating his talent as an adversary - try in vain to bring him in her team, taking it away from the shipowner Giovanelli).

Meanwhile the sailing sport in Genoa expands not only in the keelboats but also with small yachts and dinghies: the sailing becomes a popular sport.

The history of the Sailing Club continues to be linked to Costaguta Shipyard, now in the hands of Attilio, Ugo's brother.

In 1936 Attilio launch "Italia", an "int. 8 metre" class; the same year in Kiel, with a whole crew from Liguria, "Italia" win the **Olympic Gold** in her class.

The Second World War forced the club to a long period of inactivity.

In the postwar the activity come back with "S" class and "U" class.

In 1950 "Liliana" (S Class - eq. Patrone, et.al.) won the Cup Elah, while "Gigia" (S class, Cancogni, Paganoni) is third in the Italian Championship. In 1955 "Rosetta" (S Class - Ghigliotti, Valle, Dosi) graduated Italian Champion.

In the U class we see "Alcyone" with its success will pave the way for the Italian championship won in 1960 by "Rosabianca" (Ghigliotti, Verrina, Garbarino).



Some sailors from this Club test themselves with good success in the Flying Dutchman class. In 1969 the club member Verrina is Italian Champion with FD "Rosabianca VI" (Rabbo, Verrina). [In 1968, Emanuele Ottonello will be on FD at the Mexico Olympics]

In 1956 was inaugurated the current club house, in which simple and accurate design you can recognize the signature of the architect Gnudi.

Meanwhile the club join enthusiastically all the initiatives of the USVI italian sailing authority (now FIV), in the promotion of competitive sailing. First with "Vellele" (V class), then with the Finn, the Yole Ok and the "orange hull" Flying Junior (Olympia courses initiative).

In the late 60's starts the "legend of the Contender." The new acrobatic dinghyt was designed by an Australian. Giovanni Torrielli "unveiled" it to the italian fan, and Pietro Carlini builds it for the first time in Italy; in the '70 the scene of the Italian Championship is dominated by our members (Carlini; Piccardo).



The flood of 1970 strikes Voltri doing victims and considerable damages. The sailing club will be hit hard, but standing. The boats are lost but not the desire to sail. With stubbornness CNUC gets up. With the support of the Sailing Federation re-starts the sailing school and athletic activities, based mainly on Optimists, Lasers, the "420" and "470" in addition to the aforementioned Contender.

In the 90s it has become clear that the lack of a marina is a deterrent for sailors less motivated; the leaders of the Sailing Club invest in a boat that has less problems in launching from a shore: the Hobie Cat 16. The idea is successful and we win several Italian Championships and even a European Championship (1993 - Griesmejer, Canepa).

In 1993 another flood hits the club and boats are lost, but the company will start again. The recovery can count on the success of the HC16, the Contender and the "revival" of the

Laser class.

Over the past decades, many members are dedicated to sailing on keelboats, either as owners or as helmsmen, tailers, bow, tactical. The activity takes place mainly on the IMS classes and recently - successfully - on the Etchells.

In 2007 the club house was restored and embellished with a beautiful wooden terrace overlooking the sea and integrating seamlessly with the style of the building (architect: Truffelli).

In 2011 our Sailing Club was appointed with CONI's Stella al Merito Sportivo.

Our commitment and our initiatives

Sailing schools. The club has a sailing school with a long tradition. The school, certified annually by FIV (italian sailing authority), currently counts on "internal" instructors (members) plus "hired" specialized coach, assisted by other volunteers (members).

Base Level - Starting to Sail

Aimed at children and teenagers who want to learn this sport. In general, this initiative is combined with the project VelaScuola of FIV and is held in favorable periods (spring / summer). These initiatives are free or low economic contribution by the participants, with a minimum impact on schoolwork.

Intermediate Level – Sailing Team. Aimed at children and teenagers who want to be part of our "breeding ground". It 'a permanent school that covers all seasons of the year, alternating lectures, training at sea and regatta. Regattas are carefully selected and include national or international events. The "school" follows the boy in its growth by providing the transition between the various "sailing classes" (see below) compatible with age and attitudes.

Optimist By definition it's the class for initiation. The CNUC has many Optimist boat for sailing school. Our racing team continues to grow and is among the most numerous and active in Liguria.

Laser (4.7 - Radial - Standard) Currently it is a natural route to those who want to pursue a career as a racer in a "singlehanded".

RS Feva / RS 500 Currently it is a natural route to those who want to pursue a career as a racer in "doublehanded". The Club hosts one of the best RS Sailing Team in Genoa.

In 2012 we hosted **Magic Marine SE European Grand Prix (RS500/RS100)**



Organizing and Hosting regattas. Every year on CNUC participates in the definition of zonal calendar of FIV, providing resources for the realization of the events that are assigned. In recent decades the CNUC had the privilege of hosting ranking list regattas, with good results in terms of participation and technical quality.

Contender. Every year the Contender regatta is part of CNUC' "offering". In 2009 during the "fortieth of Contender in Italy" (1969-2009) the race has taken on the dimensions of an Italian championship, with over 60 boats from all over Italy and abroad. For this occasion we made use of the the port facilities of other clubs (Il Pontile, Ilva).



Dinghy 12' "Classic". For seven years, from 2002 to 2008, our sailing club hosted a date of the "Dinghy Classic" championship (wooden boat only) with great satisfaction and enjoyment for all. However in 2009 the leaders of Classic Dinghy wanted to give a new dimension to the championship. There were more stages, more sponsors, we need more visibility. The show then moved into the new and beautiful Marina of Varazze. Nevertheless, Classic Dinghy Association wanted our sailing club as "technical partner", with the collaboration of Varazze Club Nautico. The show succeeds so well that in the years following the same

formula is repeated with even greater success.

"Lateen sail". In 2002 "A.Ve.La" (Lateen Sail Association) is looking for a "partner" for the Ligurian "stage" of his championship which takes place on all sides of the Mediterranean sea. After showing our organizational capability the club becomes the north mediterranean stage. The first edition is enriched by the experience of launching from shore in a "traditional" way: fatigue is more than compensated by the great success of the event. The race is repeated in 2003 and 2004, relying on port facilities of our partner Longarello (Prà).

Keelboats. Since 1998 the club has proposed an event accessible to those keelboat owners who ventured for the first time with the racing. In fact it is a cruise/regatta that allows everyone to enjoy their sailing in Western Liguria. Since 2006 the event was titled "Trophy M. Pisano". In 2012 this was coupled with "Memorial C. Melis", an event sponsored by our partner CVI (Centro Velico Interforze).

Inter-clubs summer champ – All dinghies. We bring back a traditional "summer league" format, that involved as organizers "next door" sailing club (Cogoletto CV, CV Arenzano, and us). The means to reach the race course is the "trolling", a traditional system that for decades has been the privileged, if not only, mean to reach the regatta site. Today this system, as well as being very practical, helps raise the visibility of the sport of sailing in the touristic season. Many participants belong to the organizer clubs. Obviously, participation is open to all clubs. In particular, the summer sailing school in the neighbors may find a useful complement in this initiative.

Partnership with other sailing club. We have already mentioned some of the sport clubs we a partnership with. In addition, sailors and support boats from our club has always been appreciated on the regatta fields, for those events that require a collective effort. For example, in 2004 we was requested for patrolling a regatta field in the "unified" Italian Olympic Classes Championship (CICO).



Cultural events

Our club is paying attention to cultural and traditional aspects of sailing.

The events for the Centennial Celebration (1898-1998), culminated with the publication of the book "Dove il vento regna" ("Where the Wind reigns") (G. Magnano, A. Boccone, ed. CNUC)

More commonly we held evening lectures on topics historical and cultural, such as: "The America's Cup", "Artica and the Cup of France", "The shipyards Costaguta" or technical themes of such as: "Principles basic Tactics of the Race ", "The Racing Rules of Sailing ".



Worthwhile to mention our Vintage Dinghy Meetings. The club has organized 3 Vintage Meetings (2001, 2002, 2003). The first meeting in 2001 has been richly documented by the magazine *Arte Navale* (dic-01/gen-02). In general, they are events in which the dominant element is the "exhibition" of boats on the square in front of the club (therefore visible by a wider and casual audience). Parallel lectures and commemorations are held, mainly by invitation.

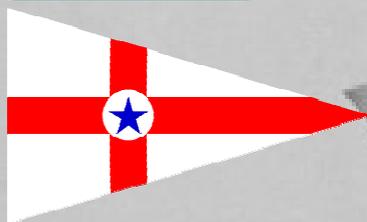
What can we offer. Our values.

Despite being totally driven by volunteers, without significant sponsorships, despite located on an open beach, the CNUC can offer much to the sailing sport and its fan.

From an organizational point of view the club has evolved, keeping pace with the times, establishing relations of reciprocity with other sports clubs to meet the changing needs of the sport. In this way the club has already gained considerable experience in major events by relying on the port facilities nearby.

Technical competence, organizational flexibility, simplicity, hospitality and friendliness, knowledge and respect for our roots, are the characteristics that, combined with the traditional "tramontana" (our north wind), remain imprinted in who has the opportunity to learn about the club and its members.





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