

RINA nominates the General Manager for America

Massimo Volta is the new General Manager for America of the GENOA-based classification society RINA.

Volta's appointment is part of RINA reorganisation of its regional management in a move to improve client liaison and streamline services. The move will result in improved services to cruise ship operators in the Americas, as well as a faster global response to the needs of shipowners.

Speaking on the eve of Seatrade Cruise Shipping Miami, Volta said, "Cruise ship operators need more and more technical support. They work in a heavily regulated environment and are more and more conscious of the need to protect the environment and save energy. We have a coherent range of services which will help them do that, developed in conjunction with the world's leading passenger ship yards and owners. The headquarters of our organization in America will be placed in Fort Lauderdale to deliver these services in a more direct way to American operators concentrated in the area."

RINA is one of the world leaders in passenger ship classification and services. During 2009 five major cruise ships were delivered to RINA class: the 3,780 passenger Costa Pacifica, the 3,646 passenger Carnival Dream, the 2,828 passenger Costa Luminosa and the 540 passenger Silver Spirit, all built at Fincantieri, and the super luxury 452 passenger Seabourn Odyssey, built at Cantieri Mariotti.

Photos of Massimo Volta can be downloaded from:

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RINA is one of the oldest classification societies and certification companies in the world. Established in Genoa in 1861 to serve the marine industry, today it spans the globe as a multinational and multi-faceted company, sharing its knowledge and experience through a wide range of services which help industries and the community to improve their businesses and quality of life. RINA's services cover the environment, energy, transportation, logistics, safety, quality and social responsibility.

RINA has 112 offices around the world and employs around 1,400 exclusive personnel. Through its Marine Division, RINA has a classed fleet of over 3,815 ships totalling 25.5m gt, plus over 1,000 yachts and over 300 special units, among which military ships and units for coast guard and armed forces.

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