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Warsash Superyacht Academy joins forces with Italian Yacht Masters Association

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Looking to further enhance its reputation amongst superyacht owners and charter companies, the Italian Yacht Masters (IYM) Association members' recently collaborated with Warsash Superyacht Academy, part of Southampton Solent University to run a training course for senior officers.

Held at the IYM's headquarters in the Yacht Club Marina di Loano, Liguria, 24 IYM members completed the five day STCW 2010 Human Element Leadership and Management (HELM) course.

This was the first course run in collaboration with IYM and UK-based Warsash Superyacht Academy, which is a world leading superyacht training provider for deck, engineering and interior certification.

In conjunction with Warsash Superyacht Academy, the training initiative was driven by one of the directors, captain Dario Savino and captain Luca Triggiani who is responsible for training, both founder members of the IYM. The strategy is to offer the high standards and global recognition of Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) accredited training and certification for their members.

Mark Bee, principal lecturer of management studies at Warsash, travelled to Loano to provide the course, which qualifies ship and superyacht captains in leadership and management, in compliance with the new STCW 2010 regulations. Bee said: "I enjoyed working with our friends of the Italian Yacht Masters' Association who had prepared well for the training and all took an active part in the discussions and class work, demonstrating the professionalism that the membership encourages."

Captain Dario Savino said: "We are very pleased to be working with such a highly regarded training provider such as Warsash Superyacht Academy in developing the professionalism of our members. Mark really helped us hone our management and leadership skills, for the important position of superyacht captain. We are looking forward to continuing the collaboration with Warsash Superyacht Academy to develop further training opportunities for our members in areas such as Crowd and Crisis Management and International Safety Management."