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FORUM of the Chambers of Commerce in the Adriatic-Ionian Sea area - 7th Edition -
Round table - ENVIRONMENT.

I take part in this round table in my capacity as **National Vice-Chairman of Assonautica**, the Italian Yachting Association, and as the **Technical Director of the "Appointment in the Adriatic"** event.

This happening, which is staged under the aegis of the Forum, has become the operative nautical sector contact tool for the countries, regions and cities that border our sea.

The next edition, the programme of which is provided in the folder, will also involve the Ionian Sea, in particular the Greek Islands as far as Itaca.

A flotilla of extremely environmentally friendly yachts will sail the waters of all the countries, transmitting a clear message of environmental respect and also a great economic proposal to those countries that have not yet invested in pleasure boating facilities.

As we all know, avid pleasure boaters need well equipped landing places, marinas, transport services connecting them with nearby cities, eager as they are for cultural, environmental and gourmet knowledge.

The experience accrued during the previous 18 editions allow us to assume that in order to absorb the great nautical tourism flows of the Mediterranean and attract flotillas of users to the Adriatic and Ionian, the bureaucracy of the individual countries must be simplified as far as possible and basic services offered to vessels and people.

We therefore invite Albania, the Chambers of Commerce of Tirana, Durazzo and Valona, to strive to develop yachting in their country.

Our Association is willing to make a constructive contribution for the realisation of yachting-related objectives, however to return to strictly environmental issues, the great message of the 2006 edition was that of a vessel powered by an electric engine supplied by photovoltaic panels.



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Our flotilla includes this kind of vessel. It started out from Trieste to reach the city of Valona and crossed the Adriatic to Brindisi to reach Venice in several legs.

This year, it will come down to the Greek islands with us.

Last year's test allowed us to perfect the technology and to improve our abilities through the ongoing and constant research of our staff of technicians and researchers that follow it.

Captain Piero Tosi from Venice is the creator of this vessel and covers the costs for building and perfecting it.

For now we invite the Chamber of Commerce Managers attending this Forum to pay a visit when we come to their areas.

Think of the money-savings, the absence of exhaust gases, the total silence of the vessel. It can be used to build ferries in large port cities, and for professional and amateur fishing or even fish- and mollusc farming.

I will not take up any more of your time by describing the vessel, but trust that I will meet every person present at this Forum when we visit your local harbours.

Thank you.

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