

The Brindisi Port Informer was established according to the Orders of the Harbour Master and the Port Authority of Brindisi respectively n. 06/2008 dd. February 12 2008 and n. 58/2000 dd. December 21 2000.

The Brindisi Port Informer, in its role of private company with public functions, delivers information, coordination and promotion tasks with regard to the activities carried out in the Port of Brindisi, and as such it is a point of reference for the community.

The above mentioned tasks are well detailed in the Pilot's Book no. 1/C, page 14 B published by the Istituto Idrografico della Marina (Hydrographical Institute of the Italian Navy).

The strategic location of the observation post of the Seaport Informer, is placed in the upper floor of the Alphonsine Castle (Sea Castle) that was founded in the year 1481 by Ferdinand of Aragon as a fortress in defence of the city of Brindisi.

The observation post is controlled in remote mode by our Headquarters that are in the seaport terminal in Piazza Vittorio Emanuele. This allows in the first place a perfect combination between the environment and our work, and the overall view of the harbour of Brindisi, from the entrance to the docks.

The observation point in the Alphonsine Castle and the Headquarters are equipped with devices and VHF radios and antennas with suitable power, several optical instruments, a weather station, a radar of 6/10 KW (that is now in the installation phase), AIS ship identification system, information system SETSHIP, two telephone lines and one fax.

The Seaport Informer has a team of seven highly qualified operators working around the clock on shifts, on the GMDSS radio channel, 156.8 MHz (channel 16 VHF) and the frequency 156.550 MHz (channel 11 VHF – work). The team carries out the cargo ships sighting, identifying and time of arrival recording. It assists the ships at the entrance of the seaport and moored ships, facilitating the communication between ships and agencies for business purposes. It offers general assistance with regard to sea traffic.