

**Genoa, 21 June 2019 - World Hydrography Day
OPEN DAY at the Italian Hydrographic Institute.**

The poster features the logo of the Istituto Idrografico della Marina and the Istituito Idrografico logo. It includes the text: "giornata mondiale dell'idrografia", "Le informazioni idrografiche alla guida della conoscenza dei mari", "21 Giugno 2019", "Passo Osservatorio, 4 Genova", "Orario apertura: 9.30 - 16.30", "Visite guidate con partenza ogni mezz'ora", and the large stylized text "open day".

The poster features the logo of the Istituto Idrografico della Marina and the text: "Il mare è il nostro mestiere", "sicurezza della navigazione", "ricerca scientifica", "tutela dell'ambiente", "formazione", "impegno internazionale", "L'Istituto Idrografico della Marina è tutto questo e molto altro...", and "L'idrografia è fondamentale per un futuro sostenibile". It includes a nautical chart and a compass rose.

The Hydrographic Institute of the Navy has opened its gate on the occasion of the World Hydrography Day, inspired by the theme indicated by the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO): **"Hydrographic information driving marine knowledge"**.

The Open Day gave to all visitors to wander around the historic sixteenth-century monumental complex, San Giorgio fortress, headquarters of the Hydrographic Institute from 1872. The guided tour showed to the visitors the process to build a nautical chart, starting from the data collection during the survey, up to the final stage, printing a paper chart, for serving all sailors at sea and in the name of the safety of human life at sea.



In addition, the permanent exhibition on Italian expeditions to the Arctic, starting from the campaign of the Duke of Abruzzi (1899-1900) to arrive at the campaigns of



“High North” program that the Italian Navy has been carrying out since 2017, has made it possible to virtually take the visitor in those distant and fascinating areas nowadays part of the daily news because of matters linked to economic, energetic and environmental factors.

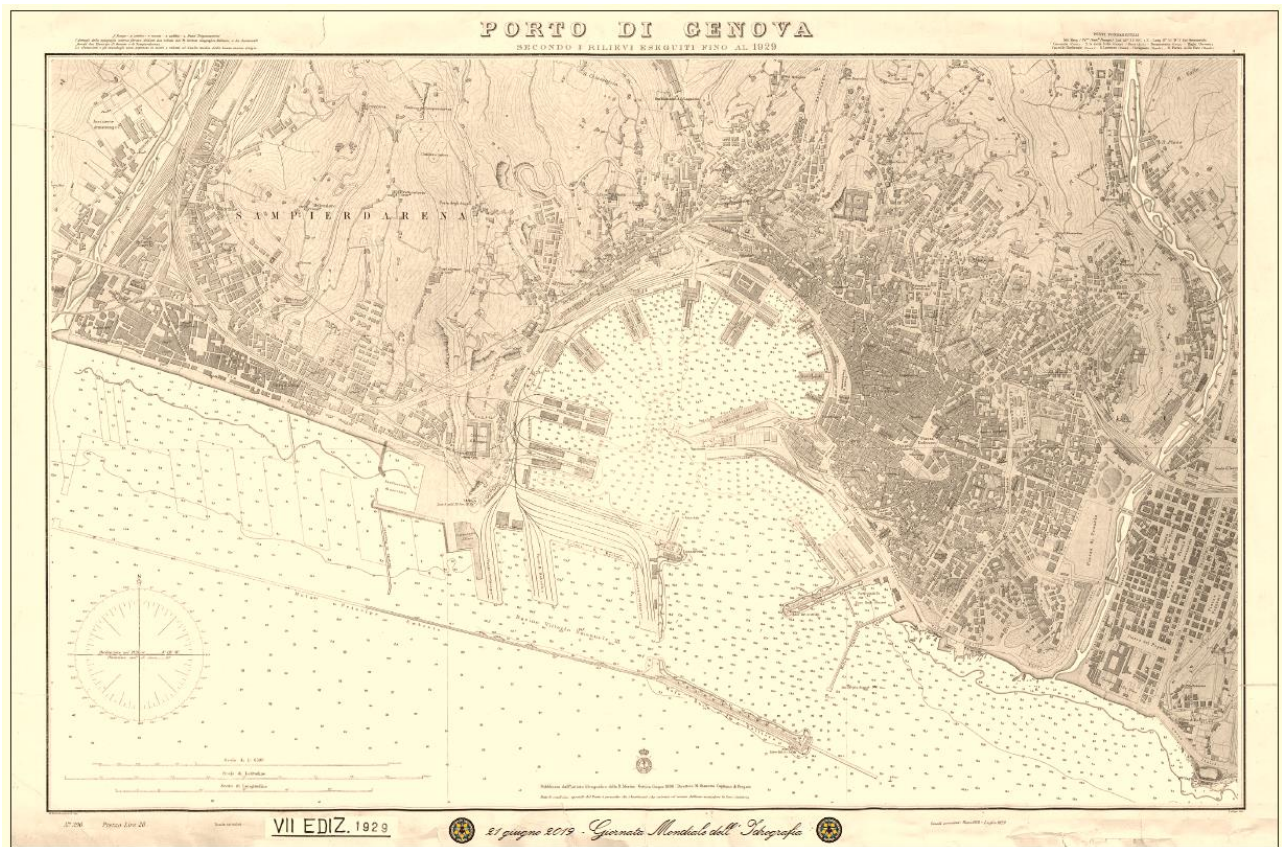
Finally, a focus on the research activities that the Institute carries out in support of initiatives related to sustainable use of seas and more generally to "blue growth" has allowed the visitors us to learn more about the vast spectrum of activities and complementary to the community.



National television made also a dedicated service to the world Hydrographic Day and to the Italian Hydrographic Institute, this to highlight the interest aroused by the deep connection between hydrography and knowledge and safety of seas.



In the memory of the day, a special gift were given to all visitors, a reproduction of the nautical map of the city of Genoa, edition 1929.



As every year, there is a long trace of the appreciation shown by the population in the comments left on the visitors' book, where notes of gratefulness offer an extra emotional boost to continue our work in the best possible way.

