



NOTE FOR ASSOCIATES

VISA “D”

This note aims at giving a clarifying overview of the current Italian D visa situation in reply to the newsletters/articles that have been published by lately foreign agencies and associations.

The D visa for seafarers was introduced on the 21st March 2022, with Italian law n. 51/2022.

Italian yacht registered agencies affiliated with Federagenti have already helped hundreds of extra Schengen crewmembers in obtaining their visas.

The D visa can be issued by any entitled Italian Consulates/Embassies around the world, irrespective of the country of residence of the person applying for it. We suggest that all crew members ask their Italian agents regarding the entitled offices of reference, in order to advise the best option on a case-by-case analysis.

The most important news is that this visa allows the holder not only to stay in Italy up to 365 days, but also to spend up to 90 days in every 180 days in other Schengen countries, during the visa validity period. In other words, non-EU seafarers do not have to apply for a C visa anymore if they have obtained an Italian D visa (please note that Consulates/Embassies only release one visa at a time for Italy).

The type D visa allows non-EU seafarers to remain in Italy - in shipyards or marinas - and cruise in Italian waters with the possibility of multiple entry (meaning with the possibility to leave and re-enter several times, as necessary, during the period of visa validity).

Finally, it is also worth underlining that seafarers arriving in Italy by sea - on board a yacht, irrespective of whether they have a D visa or not - are still only stamped into the EU area at the moment in which they disembark, just like in other EU countries.

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