

PRESS RELEASE

UCINA - CONFINDUSTRIA NAUTICA: no tax on crafts belonging to foreign nationals passing through or moored in Italian waters.

Thanks to the work carried out by UCINA Confindustria Nautica – the national association that operates for the development and promotion of the nautical sector and to help enhance and expand the culture of the sea and of nautical tourism – in collaboration with the other associations in the maritime cluster, the Italian government has exempted foreign owners of boats and pleasure ships passing through or moored in Italian waters from payment of the mooring tax provided for in December of last year.

This tax, which became a tax on ownership, will apply exclusively to Italian owners of boats and pleasure ships, including those sailing under a foreign flag.

Also exempted from payment of the tax are crafts belonging to hire or lease companies.

Commenting on the changes to the previous regulation, Anton Francesco Albertoni – President of UCINA – declared: "We are pleased that foreign pleasure boaters can now organise their holidays in our seas without having to pay any additional charges. Nautical tourism from abroad is an important resource for our country. Therefore, we may now continue to offer overseas pleasure boaters the opportunity to enjoy the extraordinary natural beauty of our coastlines, as well as the services, facilities and warm welcome Italian hospitality is renowned for".

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