

Fabrizio Ciacchella

Currently he is undergoing a training in Underwater Archaeology (according to the standards of the Nautical Archaeology Society), at the Centre d'Etudes en Archéologie Nautique directed by Arnaud Cazenave de la Roche.

The course included the excavation campaign of the Mortella III wreck (Corsica, F) in October 2019 and will end with an intensive seminar in Neuchatel (CH), 7-11 August 2020. Since 2011 he is concentrating his research on late medieval and early modern anchors, a subject often neglected both in naval history and underwater archaeology.

Since 1985 he is continuing his studies in naval history and underwater archaeology, even if he had chosen a medical profession, that led him to obtain a master in Osteopathy in 2019, a degree cum laude in Physical Therapy in 2005, a diploma in Osteopathy in 1997, a Rehabilitation Therapist certificate in 1988.

From 1979 to 1984 he studied at the Faculty of Literature and Philosophy of the University of Genova (I), succeeding many exams on naval and maritime history and on archaeology, but then he leaves the Faculty to follow a medical training.

In 1978 he obtained cum laude the Maturità Scientifica.

Affiliations:

In progress, proceedings for the appointment as honorary inspector to the Underwater Heritage of Liguria (Soprintendenza Archeologia, Belle Arti e Paesaggio – Ministero dei Beni e Attività Culturali).

- Since 2019 head of the Italian section of the Groupe de Recherche en Archéologie Navale (GRAN).
- Since 2014 member of the Projet Collectif de Recherche “Navires du XVI siècle”, resident at the Université Paris IV Sorbonne - Fédération Histoire et Archéologie Maritimes (FED 4124). <http://archeonavale.org/gran2012/index.php/membres>
- Since 2013 associated with NavLab – Laboratorio di Storia Marittima e Navale – Dipartimento di Antichità, Filosofia, Storia (DAFIST), Università di Genova. www.dafist.unige.it/navlab

On-field research:

2019

- Underwater documentation of eight anchors in the mooring site of El Rio, situated between Lanzarote and La Graciosa (Canary islands, E), commissioned by the European project Margullar, directed by Rita Marreiro, for the valorization of the underwater heritage of Macaronesia.
- Underwater documentation of the south anchor of the Mortella III wreck (Corsica, F) and participation to the excavation campaign directed by Arnaud Cazenave de la Roche.

- Participation to the underwater excavation campaign directed by Max Guérout at the Grau de Melgueil site (La Grande Motte, F).
- Underwater documentation of the 15th-16th century anchor of Belgodere (Bastia, Corsica, F) and declaration to the authority (Franca Cibecchini, DRASSM).
- Onland documentation of the anchor salvaged from the Agropoli wreck (I), dated to the late 16th - early 17th century.

2018

- Underwater documentation of the late byzantine anchor of Lavasina (Brando, Corsica, F).
- Onland documentation of a modern anchor salvaged from Mala Shokova (Vis I., Croatia) and exposed in front of the diving centre Anma in Vis harbour.
- Underwater documentation of nine huge grapnels of the 15th century Venetian wreck of Lavotovo (Komiža, Croatia), during the excavation campaign directed by Igor Mihajlović of the Department for Underwater Archaeology (Croatian Conservation Institute).

2017

- Underwater documentation of the four anchors present at the La piedra que revienta shoal (Cadiz, E) and contribution to the datation of the wrecksite, in cooperation with the Centro de Arqueología Subacuática of Cadiz.
- Onland first documentation of some of the three hundreds contemporary anchors at Conil de la Frontera (E), individuation of new types and classification, in cooperation with Milagros AlzagaGarcia of the Centro de Arqueología Subacuática of Cadiz.

On land documentation of the two anchors of the Delta II wreck, dredged in the harbour of Cadiz (E) in 2014, identified with the Genoese ship S. Giorgio e Sant'Elmo sunk by Francis Drake in 1587, in cooperation with Mercedes Gallardo-Abárzusa (Tanit Arqueología) and Milagros Alzaga-Garcia (Centro de Arqueología Subacuática).

2016

- Onland documentation of an early modern anchor exposed on a road crossing at the entrance of the town of Pag (Croatia).
- Onland documentation of five early modern anchors exposed in front of Villa Birimisa in the small harbour of Lopud island (Croatia).
- Underwater documentation of the anchor of the wreck of the Ragusan ship Santo Hieronimo (Suđurađ, Šipan I., Croatia), sunk in 1576, during the excavation campaign directed by Irena Radić Rossi of the University of Zadar.
- Onland documentation of three early modern anchors and a grapnel exposed in the small harbour of Porto Ercole (M. Argentario, I) and of another one exposed in front of a restaurant in the Giannutri island (I).
- Onland documentation of a late medieval anchor preserved in the museum deposits of Aleria (Corsica, F), directed by Jean-Michel Bontempi.

