

d'Amico Group winner of the 2019 SMART4SEA Energy Efficiency Award

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d'Amico Group received the SMART4SEA Energy Efficiency Award during a prestigious ceremony at the Yacht Club of Greece in Athens last night.

The SMART4SEA Awards include seven more categories, all focused on initiatives and individuals that foster Safety Excellence & Sustainable Shipping. Winners are chosen following a combination of open nomination and audience-vote.

d'Amico Group received the SMART4SEA Energy Efficiency Award, sponsored by Hudson Analytix, for becoming one of the most sustainable shipping groups worldwide, thanks to investments in "eco-ship" new buildings programme and in the development of a very efficient Performance Monitoring system, which provides the ship company specific measures for the improvement of the environmental performance of the fleet.

Protecting and respecting the environment is one of d'Amico's core corporate values, and as the main aspect of its business is about the sea, one of the group's priorities is to care about the oceans.

d'Amico Group says its investment in an important "eco-ship" new buildings programme confirms its constant effort in technological development. Moreover, the group is working to meet well in advance the international energy efficiency standards that all maritime transport operators must comply with by 2025.

In the last years d'Amico Group has been moving even faster to adopt the newest technologies, from new generation engines to the installation of new propellers on some types of ships, to the use of silicone paints on the hulls, measures allowing considerable reduction of fuel consumption and emissions. In particular, new hull forms can maximise water flow over the propeller, eliminating the so-called blind spot in the propulsion system.

d'Amico Group demonstrates daily that data collecting and monitoring are the best way to improve the energy efficiency of the whole fleet, every day taking a step forward in the culture of energy saving.

The Group is working on the launch of a Fleet Operation Center, which will increase the fleet's safety and operational efficiency anywhere and anytime from ashore, with a combination of hardware equipment, software packages and fleet intelligence.

Technology combines the increased availability of affordable satellite communication solutions, tracking devices and data-analysis platforms, enabling real-time information sharing between ships and specialized onshore support teams.

The performance management through automatic data acquisition, associated with powerful analytics and reporting, provides indications on how business potential can be maximized.

Salvatore d'Amico, Fleet Director at d'Amico Group: "We are very proud of this award, above all because it shows how much our partners believe in us and how much we are all driven by a common goal: making the shipping industry more efficient and sustainable. All technologies

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developed by our Group will also help reducing the queries of data collection crews receive from the shore staff and, most important, will help the improvement of the awareness in navigation safety. In **d'Amico** Group we believe that all these measures are the right path to make our ships safer in an industry where the margin for mistakes is zero.”

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