

MARINA DI LOANO LAUNCH THEIR NEW SUPERYACHT AREA

MARINA DI LOANO UNVEILED ON 16 APRIL 2014 a new Superyacht Berthing Area, built with cutting edge technology and dedicated to recreational vessels measuring from 55 to 77m. Thanks to a new mooring plan, Marina di Loano now boasts more than 800 berths for vessels of between 6 and 25m, plus 32 berths dedicated to yachts with a length of up to 77m, seven of these berths are in the new Superyacht Area.

The opening of the new Superyacht Area has consolidated Marina di Loano's leadership position in the world of European and international yachting while at the same time setting a benchmark in the large yacht segment.

'Our aim was to create a dedicated area on floating pontoons that on one hand would assure the strength and efficiency of a fixed pier and that on the other would offer the flexibility of a floating dock,' explained Marco Cornacchia, Director of Marina di Loano. 'This was a challenge from a design point of view as we wanted to make sure that the walkways would aesthetically fit in with the existing curving fixed pier: the floating quay is 122m long and 3.5m wide. Finally we had to take into account the significant size of the yachts we were going to be accommodating and their interaction with the three finger pontoons. These are up to 77m long and 2.8m wide and are anchored to a floating dock, which also functions as a service pier.'

The mooring system is anchored by 24 steel poles, 14m high and with a diameter of 810mm that have been driven into the harbour bed up to half their length. Two of the leading companies in the design and construction of this type of complex structure took part in the project: Interprogetti, an Italian engineering company, specialised in maritime and environmental work, and Bellingham Marine, an American company and global leader in building marinas, that specialises in the construction of floating docks.

All areas of operation and mooring have a five-metre draft and every berth is equipped with IPS Service System columns that include drinking water and electrical power hook-up with free energy up to 400 amps. Wi-Fi Internet, video surveillance and a fire alarm system are available throughout the entire area.

Marina di Loano, a harbour facility owned by Gruppo Unipol, enjoys a central location in Western Liguria and is easily accessible by sea and by land. Genoa airport is 73km away (45 minutes) via highway and Nice is a 75-minute drive (135km). A substantial breakwater encloses and protects the marina, which is easily accessible and safe even in the most adverse weather conditions.

Built according to the highest safety and environmental standards, in June 2013 Marina di Loano received the ISO 9001:08 Quality Certification, the official quality management

system standard. In 2012 Marina di Loano received ISO 14001:04, which is certification that attests to the conformity with international standards of environmental management systems and OHSAS 18001:07, which is certification concerning safety in the workplace.

Marina di Loano also offers its guests a truly unique experience at the Yacht Club Marina di Loano, which includes nine suites, three meeting rooms, three lounge-bars, a restaurant and a solarium with an outdoor pool, which in the summertime is complemented by the Marina Beach on the east coast. The Amico Loano Shipyard is conveniently situated within the marina area (See Refit & Repair Section Page 211) and there are many other opportunities that the area offers in terms of diving, tennis, golf clubs and cultural and gastronomic itineraries that represent additional advantages for yachtsmen and women who choose to make Marina di Loano their home port. >||

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MARINA DI LOANO FACTS:

STATE LAND GRANT:	60 years
TOTAL LAND GRANT AREA:	356,000m ²
TOTAL WATER SURFACE AREA:	330,000m ²
GARDEN AND PARK AREA:	16,000m ²
OUTER PIER:	900m long x 60m wide x 6m high. The outer pier is built with granite rocks weighing up to 12 tons each
INNER PIER:	300m long x 5m high

855 berths for yachts from 6 to 77m in length. Draft from 3.5 to 5m. 899 car parking spaces. 220 garage boxes (storage). 60 video surveillance cameras. 2,700 light sources. 175 fire extinguishers

