

General Information

OBITUARY



VICE-ADMIRAL ALFREDO CIVETTA 1930-2012

Vice Admiral Civetta passed away in Bogliasco (near Genoa) in Italy at the age of 81. He was born in Kos, Greece, on 26 October 1930, and joined the Naval Academy in 1950.

In the course of his outstanding career in the Italian Navy, he was the Commanding Officer of one of the four classes in the Naval Academy.

Following that he was the Commanding Officer of the frigate “Canopo”, and, with the rank of Captain, was Commanding Officer of the destroyer “Audace”. From 1979 to 1982, Captain Civetta was a Naval Attaché based in London.

From 1983 to 1987 Alfredo Civetta was the Director of the Italian Hydrographic Institute, where his work in the development of hydrography was internationally recognized, to the extent that he was elected Director of the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) in Monaco for the period 1987 to 1992, where he served alongside Sir David Haslam (President) and Adam Kerr (Director). As an IHB Director and with his excellent diplomatic skills, he proved to be a valuable liaison with the authorities in the Principality of Monaco. After leaving the IHB he regularly attended the five-yearly International Hydrographic Conferences, and was also a discerning member of the jury to select the best display at the IHO Cartographic Exhibition, held alongside the I.H. Conferences.

In 1993, he became a member of the Civic Protection Service of the Province of Genoa.

A Member of the National Committee of the Italian Sail Training Association, Vice Admiral Civetta published a number of articles in the magazine “Rivista Marittima”, the last one of which was about Italian research in Antarctica.

He will be remembered as a passionate and hard-working gentleman, who devoted his life to many activities with a high level of competence and professionalism.

Vice Admiral Civetta was married to Lucia and had a daughter, Paola, and a son, Francesco.

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