



## **The Amerigo Vespucci Ship Lands in New York**

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On the 19th of April the "most beautiful ship in the world" set sail from the Italian Naval Base in La Spezia to start the 2017 Training Campaign. So far it visited two ports in Portugal (Sines and Funchal), then, after 20 days of navigation across the Atlantic ocean, it stopped in Hamilton, Bermuda and at three ports of call in Canada: Halifax, Montreal, and Quebec City. New York is the second port of call in the U.S.A., following Boston.

During a port visit in Montreal (Canada) the 79 on-term volunteers (VFP4) of the 24th Course, who had been on board since the unmooring from La Spezia, were replaced by the 125 Italian Naval Academy of Livorno (including 18 foreign cadets). Navy cadets learn the basics of seamanship. They put into practice what has been studied so far in the books by getting familiar with the marine equipment, climbing up the masts, and using the sextant to calculate the position of the ship with the stars. They all have been splendidly promoting the Italian excellence and will go on upholding the prestige of the Italian Navy abroad through cultural and promotional events in collaboration with our diplomatic representations in host countries.

More than 25,000 visitors in the various ports have had the opportunity to appreciate her style, which is one of a kind, and her fascinating timeless beauty.

On Wednesday July 26th at 3:00pm local time (9:00pm in Italy), the Commanding Officer of the Vespucci, Captain Angelo Patrino, held a press conference on board to present the ship and the Training Campaign 2017.

After New York, the Amerigo Vespucci will cross the Atlantic Ocean again, proceeding towards Ponta Delgada, in the Azores islands, continuing to represent our country and "Made in Italy" in an unusual port of call for the Italian Navy.

Media coverage of the Training Campaign 2017 is provided by RAI (RAI Italia and Linea Blu), Radio Rtl 102.5, RTV San MARINO, La Stampa, and Il Secolo XIX.

During her stay in New York, the Italian Navy Tall Ship Amerigo Vespucci is moored at Pier 88 and is open to the public on the following dates/times:

Tuesday 27 July: 2:30pm - 6:30pm

Friday 28 July: 2:30pm - 6:30pm

Saturday 29 July: 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Sunday 30 July: 2:30pm - 18:30pm

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