



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Length:** 180 m**Beam:** 33,4 m**Draft:** 8,3 m**Displacement :** 14.500 t**Speed :** 29 Kts**Powerplant:** 4 FIAT COGAG gas turbine

OVERVIEW

The Italian light aircraft carrier GARIBALDI has assumed EUNAVFOR MED operation Sophia's flagship role since last 1st June 2016. It is the second time that the ship joins the mission embarking, as flagship, the Force Headquarters staff, having already been part of the mission from 25 November 2015 to 18 January 2016.

ITS Garibaldi is the first full-length flight deck ship ever built for the Italian Navy, and the first Italian ship built to operate Short Take Off/Vertical Landing (STOVL) aircraft and helicopters. Built by Fincantieri (Italcantieri) at the Monfalcone shipyards, she was laid down on March 1981, launched on June 1983, and commissioned on July 1985.

The ship is powered by four Fiat COGAG gas turbines, offering a sustained power of 81,000 hp. Driving two shafts the ship has a maximum speed of 29 knots and can travel for 7.000 nautical miles at the speed of 20 knots.

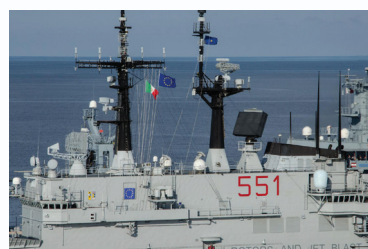
Ship's crew, including pilots and aircraft technicians, is composed of about one hundred Officers, three hundred Petty officers and four hundred Enlisted. The ship can host 808 people, including 80 women.

ITS Garibaldi perfectly suits EUNAVFOR MED operation requirements, such as Command and Control skills for interforce and international operations, even in humanitarian field, equipped to carry out different tasks within the broad range of activities. In fact, ITS Garibaldi may provide advanced support for various civilian needs and emergencies, as environmental disasters and humanitarian relief operations either in national and international scenarios.

Versatility gives ITS Garibaldi an edge in carrying out a wide range of roles. Indeed it can act as Light Aircraft Carrier or Flagship, her primary roles, but also as Landing Helicopter Assault.

The Command Centre has over 65 workstations, to manage all kind of operation from the sea.

This Unit meets the requirements to operate at national and international level, assisting and protecting fellow citizens and allied governments in accordance with existing agreements, carrying out peace keeping operations, and other UN/EU interventions.



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