

NAVAL ASSET

ITS San Giusto



FLAGSHIP



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Landing Platform Dock

Length: 133,3 m

Beam: 25 m

Draft: 6 m

Displacement : 8.500 t

Speed : 20 Kts

Powerplant: 2 diesel engines
GMT A-420 (8400hp)

OVERVIEW

ITS San Giusto is one of the Italian Navy's three helicopter landing dock ships, built by Fincantieri Shipyard and commissioned in 1994. Her tasks can range from troop transportation, non-combatant evacuation operations (NEO), humanitarian aid and disaster relief, to the most demanding operations such as raids and special forces operations (SPECOPS). The first and foremost task of ITS San Giusto is to transport and disembark a fully equipped marine battalion and their associated support vehicles; the assault force employed for such operations comes from "Brigata Marina San Marco", the famous Marine Corps Brigade that forms an inseparable rib strictly linked to the Ship. Her flight deck allows to operate up to two helicopters (one at a time, while on board the other vessels of the class multiple flying operations are possible); the well dock can handle up to three LCM-type landing craft and the hangar bay allows us to embark a wide variety of vehicles, up to 36 APCs or 30 medium tanks. The hangar also features workshops to carry out maintenance and repair of our landing crafts and vehicles. On the main deck are three davits with LCVP landing craft. The flight deck can double-up as cargo space for about 40 vehicles and when the well-dock is not in use a movable connection between the dock and the garage allows the passage of vehicles to and from a pier through the stern ramp.

Similar to the other Italian amphibious San Giorgio Class ships, ITS San Giusto represents an improved variation in relation to her Command, Control and Communication capabilities as flagship, and her training capabilities. The Ship is so capable to act as a command platform; She can embark a 100 strong command staff, while her hospital facilities allows her to be used as a Primary Casualties Receiving Ship (PCRS), capable to provide live-saving surgery with medical facilities comprising anaesthesia technology, an Intensive Care Unit, a radiological and a dentistry department, a laboratory, a quarantine cabin, a pharmacy and a dental cabinet. There is also a telemedicine system for video-conferencing with any hospital ashore and the capability to send X-rays and laboratory findings and other biological parameters ashore. ITS San Giusto actually was built thinking also to training purposes, designing large dedicated spaces to support the midshipmen of the Junior Year of the Naval Academy and junior NCOs during their summer training cruises. The advanced logistics features, in addition to a highly efficient use of available on-board spaces as training areas or staff rooms, the presence of a floodable well deck, a wide flight deck and the hospital facilities, allow to the ship an ample flexibility of employment in light of a wide spectrum of geo-political situations such those arising nowadays.

From 1 February, ITS San Giusto has the Flagship and Force Headquarter of EUNAVFOR MED op. Sophia.



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