



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Multi-role Frigates

Length: 144 m**Beam:** 19,40 m**Displacement :** 6700 t.**Speed :** 27 Kts**Main Machinery:** CODLAG One 32 MegaWatt gas turbine; Two 2.15 MegaWatt electric diesels.**Electrical equipment:** Four 2.2 MegaWatt Isotta Fraschini Diesels

OVERVIEW

ITS Luigi Rizzo (F595) is the sixth Italian FREMM frigate and the second in GP (General Purpose) version.

The unit – built in the Fincantieri shipyard in Riva Trigoso – was launched on 19 December 2015 and later transferred to Muggiano shipyard's floating dock (La Spezia) for the completion of outfitting and sea acceptance trials.

Features distinguishing the FREMM GP from the ASW variant include a stern launching ramp for Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats (RHIBs), and a different armament: ITS Rizzo is equipped with Oto-Melara 127/64 LW gun with high precision munition guided Vulcano system with fully automated Ammunition Handling System. Special search capabilities and armaments enable this frigate to execute the whole range of missions assigned to the units of this class: Constabulary Role, including conduct of counter-terrorism and surveillance operations, fight against illegal trafficking, prevention and monitoring of illegal migration, protection of sea lines of communication and shipping; Support – Land Operations, including escort for convoys or naval forces in transit, protection of naval forces and land sites and anti-aircraft defence; Fight against surface threats; Surveillance and intelligence activities; Power Projection Support, including coordination and control of ship-to-shore manoeuvres, infiltration of special forces, and naval gun fire support.

The ship's design has adopted innovation and flexibility concepts, which enable ITS Rizzo to be deployed for the conduct of missions of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (dual use function), thanks to the following capabilities: telemedicine interventions; helicopter evacuation of personnel; drinking water supply; hot meal preparation; electric power delivery configuration

ITS Rizzo - which was delivered to the Italian Navy on 20 April 2017 - is based in La Spezia within the First Naval Division (COMDINAV UNO). Activities and exercises recently conducted by the ship:

- June – July 2017: naval training session preliminary to joining the Naval Fleet (TIRNAV);
- September – October 2017: NATO exercises Formidable Shield and Joint Warrior, in Northern Europe.



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