



## Speaker CV



### **Captain Luigi Pastena**

**Manager, Port Captain, Port Operations Director**

**MSC Cruises**

Luigi Pastena was born in Piano di Sorrento (Italy) in 1956 and graduated from the Nino Bixio Nautical Institute in 1974. The Nino Bixio Nautical Institute is known for being

one of the most important nautical schools in Italy. He started sailing in November 1974 with an American company and during a 12 year period, he gained experience on tanker, ro-ro car carriers and bulk cargo vessels.

Luigi received his Master's Licence in 1983 and from 1986 to 1993 worked with Ecolmare on board ecological boats in cooperation with the Ministero Della Marina Mercantile Italiana.

In 1994 he joined MSC Cruises and has alternated periods on board both cargo and passenger vessels, with the rank of Master and Staff Captain/Master. In 2003 he was asked to work in the office by Mr. Emilio La Scala, Director of Cruise Technical Dept. In 2004 he was assigned the job of Port Captain. Luigi's role as Port Captain includes planning itineraries from a technical angle on behalf of MSC. He also has responsibility for port operations worldwide, including the selection of suitable port agencies at the destinations that MSC vessels call at.

Since June 2016, Luigi also works as Port Operations Director at MSC Cruise Management UK.