

Giampiero Soncini appointed managing director of Oceanly

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Giampiero Soncini, former officer of the Italian Navy and a ship manager under NATO, returns to the bridge, with his appointment as managing director of Oceanly being announced on the 13th of January.

Oceanly, established last December by ESA Group, develops and supports 'Performance', a software dedicated to the monitoring of ship performance and the control of related emissions.

Oceanly will have two managing directors – Gian Enzo Duci will remain alongside Soncini, who will mainly deal with the commercial and technological development linked to the Performance product.

The company made its debut this month by winning a large contract for the supply of the system to 19 LNG Tankers, and they currently have teams located in Italy, Denmark and Norway.

Speaking about his appointment, Giampiero Soncini commented: 'What was my dream since 2007, that of monitoring all the performances of a vessel thus determining action based on analysis of data received, is now very possible, and very affordable. Software such as Performance -not only allows full compliance with the latest environmental rules but monitors every aspect of the vessel, from navigation to propulsion to engine status, creating strong avenues not only to save money but to increase safety and security. Performance is a real game changer and will become absolutely ubiquitous on all ships in the next 20 years'.

Gian Enzo Duci added: 'ESA has invested with other partners in Oceanly because we believe in the vision expressed by Soncini. This acquisition is a further step of several actions ESA took lately, aimed at providing our customers with support over their digitalization processes. To go digital today is a must, as otherwise, it is simply impossible to comply with all the environmental rules which become compulsory this year. But it also makes sense, given the potential savings that software such as Performance can give, for instance in fuel consumption control, engine management and in moving from Planned Maintenance, which is now an obsolete methodology, to Condition Based Maintenance, which aside from being more effective, is cheaper'.