

Duci (Federagenti): the Italian and French ships do not cross the Mouths of Bonifacio that remain instead opened to other flags

The Federation is contrary to the total interdiction of navigation in the strait being possible a sure navigation

inforMARE - They are years that the federation of the Italian shipping agents denunciation the risk of naval incidents in the crosswalk of the Mouths of Bonifacio. The president of Federagenti, Gian Enzo Duci has remembered, the next day of the left in the area of the *Rhodanus*, the cargo vessel of flag Antigua & Barbuda with a cargo of beyond 2.500 tons of producing iron and steel that still are stranded on the stumbling blocks near the beach of Longa Cove, in the zone of Bonifacio.

"Cassandre has defined us - it has emphasized Duci - because from at least five years, restating it with force in occasion of the Forum of the possible luxury that we organize annually to Porto Cervo and supporting it in every institutional center, we had activated the alarm on the risk Mouths of Bonifacio. Unfortunately once more the incident that has carried a ship loaded with steel to strand in the middle of one of beautifulr the protect marine zones of the world, is giving reason; and unfortunately once more our Country demonstrates of being completely incapable to program and to manage, if it is not place with back against the wall from emergencies and calamity".

"It is a cold comfort - it has continued Duci - to assert today: we had said, and little it benefits that the Mouths of Bonifacio are inserted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in the list of the 20 sites world-wise that would need for their environmental value of a particular protection: perpetual in fact the paradox based on which the ships clappers Italian and French flag do not journey through the Mouths that are and remain instead opened indiscriminately and without control to any type of ship and cargo clappers other flags. Also in the interest of the shipowners that we represent, we are contrary to radical measures of total interdiction of navigation and therefore to the imposition of a obligation of circumnavigation of the islands, when the possibility of a sure, watched and protected navigation exists also through a public participation".

From part its president of the Association Agenti Raccomandatori of the Sardinia, Giancarlo Acciaro, has denounced that sussistono "precise responsibilities, by the Institutions that have refused to listen to the denunciations and the signallings that arrived from the operators". According to Acciaro, a measure is time intransgressible that allows to adopt for the Mouths of Bonifacio exceptional measures, between which the obligation of the pilotage for all the ships that they want to cross this arm of sea, a pre-emptive and qualitative control on ships and cargos, the definition of a system of ready participation h24 based also on the availability in zone of a qualified tug to the operations anti-pollution. Acciaro therefore has launch an appeal to the Sardinia Region because promotrice is made, in collaboration with the institutional counterparts race, of a start up that it puts into effect quickly from these measures of protection of an inestimable environmental patrimony. "Measures - it has evidenced the president of the

shipping agents of the Sardinia - that they could parallel allow a discouragement of the insurance costs at the expense of the ship generating also occupation in local center". (21)