Società Capitani e Macchinisti Navali di Camogli are very pleased to release this newly designed multi-media platform of especially devised material called ‘Knowing Maritime English’. ‘Knowing ME’ is specifically meant to help young officers starting out in the Merchant Navy, as well as anyone with an interest in the field, approach the world of communications at sea. This set of materials is drawn from select parts of the International Maritime Organizations’ (IMO) handbook of Standard Maritime Communication Phrases, commonly known as the IMO-SMCP.

All the situations presented in this project allow for a practical and hands-on approach to basic maritime communications. In particular, we would like to present our users with a set of mostly multiple-choice answer exercises involving specimens of realistic audio or written discourse relating toon-board operations.

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