# Italian Lighthouses

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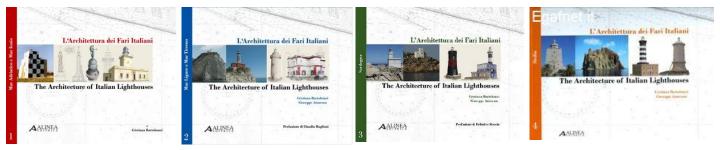
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### Overview

- History of Italian lighthouses (LHs)
- Unravelling the secrets of a LH
- Promotion of LH heritage: WAIL
- Award in action
- Case studies: II8LH, IZ1YPF, IK1AIL, IZ5GST
- Acknowledgements

### References



The Architecture of Italian Lighthouses

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http://www.marina.difesa.it/storiacultura/fari/Pagine/home.aspx



http://www.arigenova.it/en

# Origins of LHs



- Pharos Island, Alexandria (Egypt)
- One of the seven wonders of the ancient world
- 300-280 BC: a tower with a ever-lasting flame
- To alert swamp of Maryut to sailors
- Survived until 1303-1323 AD (earthquakes)

# History of Italian LHs

**1304**: first construction of Livorno LH, the oldest one in the Italian peninsula (before 1944)

May 12<sup>th</sup> 1868: King Vittorio Emanuele II founded "The Royal Commission for Harbours, Seasides and LHs" under the supervision of the Ministry of Infrastructures

**1876**: first Italian LHs directory issued by the Hydrographic Institute of the Royal Navy

**1881**: the Royal Commission for Harbours, Seasides and LHs approved the building of >100 new signals

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1911: the Royal Navy (Ministry of Defence) appointed for LHs Service and Maintenance

Until 1939: refurbishment campaign of old LHs and improvements in technology (i.e.: optics, lens)

WWII: most of the Italian LHs heritage destroyed by Allies while landing, and Nazi while retreating

1945 – 1965: restoration of existing LHs and building of brand-new ones

**December 31<sup>st</sup> 1966**: creation of 6 LHs Departments (*La Spezia*: Upper Tyrrenian Sea; *Naples*: Lower Tyrrenian Sea; *Venice*: Upper Adriatic Sea; *Taranto*: Lower Adriatic and Ionic Seas; *Messina*: Sicily; *La Maddalena*: Sardinia)

... 2009: first disposal of LHs to privates, becoming houses or deluxe hotels

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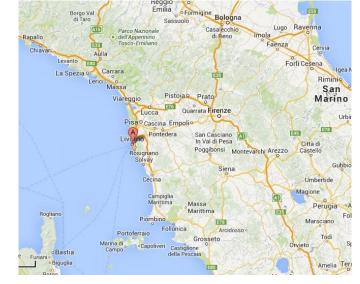
- In charge for LHs Service since 1911
- LHs Departmental Headquarter located in Naples
- LHs Technical Office in La Spezia: research and experimentation in material science and technology
- 6 peripheral Headquarters: La Spezia, Venice, Taranto, Naples, La Maddalena, Messina
- 847 signals along 7458 Km of shores
- 152 LHs, 695 Lights (buoys included)
- LH directory issued by the Hydrographic Institute of the Italian Navy



### The oldest LH: Livorno



Livorno, WAIL Ref TO-003, ARLHS ITA-097

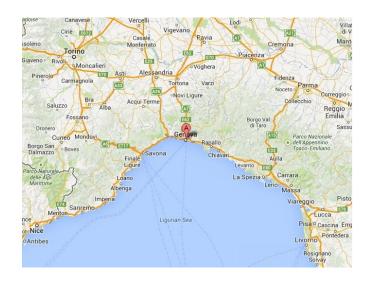


- Built in 1304, granted by Cosimo I de Medici
- 47m height
- Basement of 13 sides
- 11 floors inside
- Burst in 1944 by Nazi while retreating
- 1956: re-built by citizens in 9 months, using ALL the recovered stones
- National monument
- Light height: 52m asl
- Range: 24 nautical miles

### Other older LHs: Genova



Lanterna, Genova WAIL Ref LI-005, ARLHS ITA-177



- "La Lanterna", symbol of Genova
- Built in 1326
- 1449: Anthony Columbus, Christopher's uncle, appointed as LH keeper
- 1507: addition of a fort granted by Louis XII
- 1514: destroyed by citizens during liberation
- Re-built in 1543
- "Evangelista da Milano" painted Genova's crest
- Light height: 117m asl
- Range: 25 nautical miles

### Other older LHs: Punta San Raineri, Messina





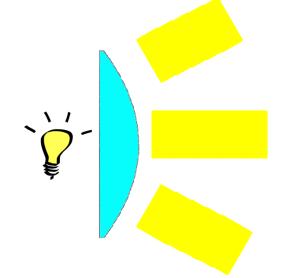
- Fort built in 1546 by Emperor Charles V
- Hermit monk Raineri used to light up fires every night to help sailors during navigation of the Channel
- 1555: erection of the tower
- 1857: erection of the black and white striped tower
- Light height: 41m asl
- Range: 22 nautical miles

Punta San Raineri, Messina WAIL Ref SI-002, ARLHS ITA-143

### Typical LH Structure

- Placed next to coasts
- Dome and lightning rod
- Metal cage (lantern) surrounded by glasses
- Bulbs and lens (Optics)
- Optical range ≥15 n miles
- Electric and mechanical clock
- Painted tower (white, white/black, white/red stripes or chequered)
- LH keeper's house or Coast Guard Offices

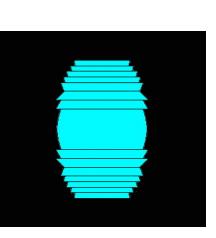
Punta Imperatore, Ischia Island WAIL Ref CA-003, ARLHS ITA-132

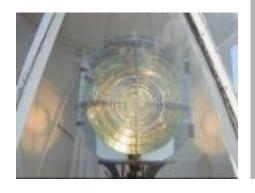


Conventional convex lens

+ Lighter lens + Increased brightness + Increased range









**Fixed** lens

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Optics

Spinning lens

1822: Fresnel lens

### Phases

Each LH possesses a typical sequence of lights (flashes) and shadows (eclipses), called CHARACTERISTIC

A PERIOD is the time taken for one full characteristic. All characteristics and periods are reported in a directory.

Typically, the colour of a light is white. Sometimes, additional colours can be chosen

- Red light

- Dark sector

in case a dangerous area must be

adviced

Punta Palascia WAIL Ref PU-005, ARLHS ITA-137

#### Characteristic

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Colour	W
Period	10 sec
Phases	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5
Sectors	165 R 183 W 165



# History of WAIL

- 2000: born by 425DXNews group. Founders: Paolo IK1NLZ (Manager), Claudio IK1XPK (Technical Referee), Mauro I1JQJ, Valeria I1ADH, Maury I1-21171
- Hold by: ARI Alba then ARI Nizza Monferrato
- Sponsors: ARI Piedmont-Aosta Valley Counties Committee
- Aim: Promoting the Italian LHs heritage (tools for navigation; LH history-culture-art)
- Aim: Supporting portable ham radio activities (begun in early 2000 in Italy)
- Famous activators: I8SUD (6), ISOJMA (5), IK7JWX [20; alias IR7LH (16), IR7ITA (2)]
- Spread: Webpage (ITA only); some space on 425DXNews; some conferences (MDXC, ARI Clubs)
- References: 271
- June 1st 2013: Handover to ARI Genova
- Current Management: Andrea IZ8WNH (Manager), Alessandro IZ1REU (Technical Referee), Alessandro IZ1PKI (Web)

## What's new in "WAIL 2.0"

- Manageable by IK2VIW and IK2UVR's freeware BBLogger (www.bblogger.eu)
- New Webpage, available both in Italian and English
- Stepwise awards both for Hunters and Activators
- New Rules in 6 native languages: ITA, EN, FR, DE, ES, RU
- New list of references: currently 205 (66 out)
- References (with datasheets) on Google Map: novelty in ANY Italian Award
- Customized Certificate of Attendance to Activators: novelty in ANY Italian Award
- On-line Log and Rankings
- Mailing List service: currently 68 members
- Facebook group page (698 members) and profile (1298 contacts)
- Collaboration with Italian Ham Magazines: I1SCL's Info-Radio, DX Coffee, Radio Rivista

### Surfing the Website: Home



AWARD FORM

WAIL News ...

REFERENCES

RULES

AWARDS

HOMEARIGENOVA

HOME



PHOTO GALLERY

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LINKS

LOG AND RANKING

- 12/07/2014 Oxford: Talk about WAIL Award to ODARS. To view the presentation, click HERE
- 11/07/2014 UPDATE: new Activators' and Hunters' rankings available in "LOG and RANKING" menu
- 25/05/2014 WAIL Reference TO-006 ARLHS ITA-022 status has changed to New-One

ACTIVATOR FORM

- 10/05/2014 Alessandro IZ1REU appointed as new WAIL Technical Referee. Info: wailinfo@arigenova.it
- 13/02/2014 Does database report less QSOs than expected? Fill in the <u>FORM</u> with missing data

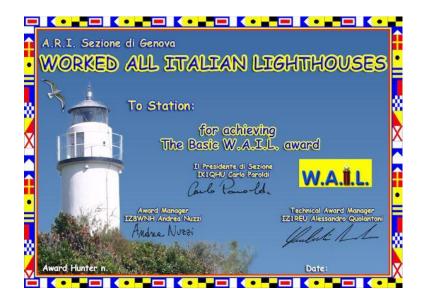
and send it back to wailmanager@arigenova.it. THANKS !

- 11/12/2013 Marco Vigano from Ethiopia has sent us a paper on Pharology. Click HERE
- 10/12/2013 WAIL Award managed by BBLogger! Download the Tutorial HERE
- 04/12/2013 Check out your ranking with the newest database in "LOG and Ranking" menu
- 17/10/2013 New WAIL Reference page: an interactive map helps you finding out information
- 21/08/2013 WAIL Rules: 20m band is mandatory in HF activations only
- 05/08/2013 Activators: please, provide us AT MOST 3 pictures attached to the Activation request form,

(best resolution 800 x 600). Thank you for your co-operation!

## Surfing the Website: Awards





N° Issued Awards	Activator (N° confirmed references)	WAIL Award	Hunter (N° confirmed references)	N° Issued Awards
11	10	Basic	30	67
-	45	First Step	65	10
-	80	Second Step	100	1
-	115	Third Step	135	1
-	150	Fourth Step	170	1
-	All	Honor Roll	All	-

### **Certificates of Attendance**

### WAIL - Certificato di Attivazione 🚱



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Turi Stringer	Peoplane

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Lanterna

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Distanza focale

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Altezza luce dal mare 48m Principale: LABI 100 W Riserva: -Principale: 11Mn

Sardegna

Lat: 38° 59' N

Long: 9º 1.2 E

Rete elettrica

Fanale a luce ritmica

Riferimento marittimo

Tipo: FTM 375 / Dv: 3,75 /

Pula

Hv:-

Tipo:-

187,5

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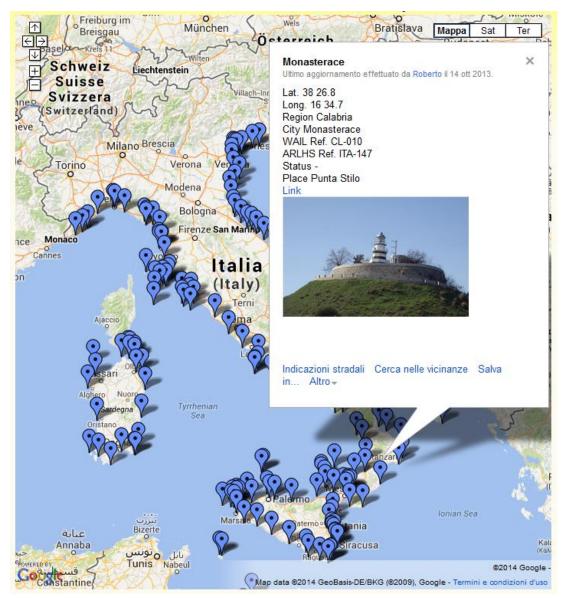


A circa un km dal centro abitato di Pula sorge la torre spagnola del Coltellazzo chiamata anche di Sant'Efisio, in ricordo del martire guerriero, che la tradizione vuole ucciso a Nora per decapitazione. La torre, edificata sopra i resti dell'acropoli di Nora, entrò in funzione dal 1607, anche se l'esistenza di un precedente insediamento militare è attestato dagli inizi del XVI secolo. La torre di Sant'Efisio presenta una forma troncoconica ed una altezza di 11 metri. L'ingresso si trova a circa la metà della sua altezza e si immette in un'unica camera nella quale sono stati ricavati diversi ambienti. La camera della torre è sorretta da un pilastro centrale e coperta da una volta a cupola, da questo ambiente, per mezzo di una scala ricavata nel muro, si accedeva alla piazza d'armi. Nel XIX secolo la piazza d'armi venne coperta e se ne ricavò nella parte superiore un locale destinato ad ospitare un faro per le segnalazioni ancora oggi in funzione. Le condizioni della torre sono molto buone grazie anche ai recenti lavori di ristrutturazione. Intorno alla torre, su progetto dell'ingegnere Antonio Felice de Vincenti, i piemontesi nel '700 costruirono una fortificazione di mura con torrette agli angoli anch'essa ancora in buono stato di conservazione.

L'Award Manager Andrea Nuzzi 1Z-SWNH Andres, Nuzzi

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### Surfing the Website: References



 Available on Google Maps and embedded in WAIL website

- ✓ Available as text
- ✓ Available as pdf file
- ✓ Status on references:

New-One: never activated Most Wanted: activated once Date: last reported activation

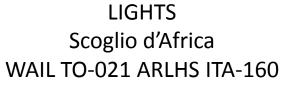
### From 271 to 205 References: Why?







LIGHTHOUSES Punta Palascia WAIL PU-005 ARLHS ITA-137



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#### **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- 1) All LHs claimed in the Italian Navy directory
- 2) Lights possessing: i) Optical range  $\geq 10$  nautical miles

### ii) historical-cultural background

3) Disposed LHs: LA-007, CL-015, SA-009. Included as monumental LHs



### Surfing the Website: On-line log and Rankings

#### **Hunter Ranking**

12/07/2014



(Minimo 10 referenze confermate - At least 10 confirmed references)

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ACTIVATOR		IZ8SKO	19/10/2013				CL-012	
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Download PDFs: Complete Hunter's Ranking and Complete Activator's Ranking

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There are six different awards, both for Hunters and Activators, with a graduated plan of attack.

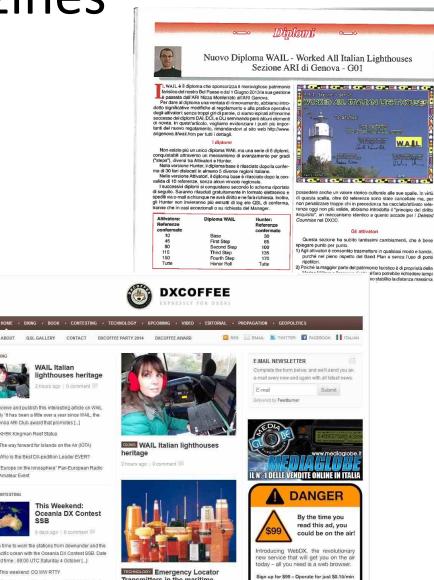
The basic Hunter's Award is issued upon #30 confirmed references from at least #5 different Italian regions.

The basic Activator's Award is issued upon #10 activated references, without any geographical limitation.

Next Awards are issued on an integral basis, every #35 additional confirmed references.

#### List of References

The list of references was created according to data published by the Italian Navy. All the lighthouses are included by default, independently they are still active or they're not. On the other hand, lights must meet the following criteria:





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### Case Study 1/4: II8LH



### Scilla, WAIL Ref CL-006 ARLHS Ref ITA-050

 ✓ AIM: activation of Calabrian LHs (14 out of 15)

- ✓ Overstepped in Sicily (5), Apulia (1) and Basilicata (1)
- ✓ Tot QSOs: 3340
- Main members: Alessandro IK8YFU Maurizio IZ8SJA Domenico IW8RAO Nicola IZ8SKO Francesco IK8WEJ Massimo IT9AKC

# Case Study 2/4: IZ1YPF

- ✓ AIM: New-One/Most Wanted activations
- ✓ First activations ever
- ✓ Total QSOs: 296
- ✓ Activated references:
   La Spezia WAIL LI-010 ARLHS ITA-165
   Portofino WAIL LI-008 ARLHS ITA-131



Sobborgo di Pegazzano, La Spezia, WAIL Ref LI-010 ARLHS Ref ITA-165 HARS – Didcot – Nov 11th 2014 – Andrea IZ8WNH-MOWNH

### Case Study 3/4: IK1AIL



✓ AIM: Activator Basic Award
 ✓ Hometown: Novara (North Italy)
 ✓ Tour of Sicily in camper van
 ✓ Start date: Jan 16 2014
 ✓ End date: Feb 25 2014
 ✓ Tot QSOs: 1500
 ✓ New-One activated: 7
 ✓ Most Wanted activated: 3

Castello Normanno Castellammare del Golfo, WAIL Ref SI-067

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### Case Study 4/4: IZ5GST



Secche della Meloria, Southern Lighthouse Livorno, WAIL Ref TO-015 ARLHS Ref ITA-168/290

- ✓ AIM: #1 WAIL Activators' Ranking
- ✓ #1 ICA Activator
- ✓ First WAIL activator in /MM: WAIL TO-015 (5 n miles far from Livorno)
- Usually teams up with: Gilberto IW5AB
   Federica IU5AXT (partner; first activator woman)
- ✓ Tot QSOs: 1327
- ✓ New-One activated: 4
- ✓ Most Wanted activated: 3
- $\checkmark$  3 references in a row activated in one day
- ✓ July 2014: Activation of New-One in /MM Scoglio d'Africa

WAIL Ref TO-021 ARLHS ITA-160

### What about G ?

GOABY Phil	30 refs
GOFYX Stuart	60 refs
GOTRB Roger	62 refs
MOXLT Kevin	10 refs

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ARI Genova Committee Alessandro IZ1PKI Roberto IZ1TRK (formerly Tech.Ref.) Alessandro IZ1REU

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#### 245 activations by 47 OM/YL in one year and half:

IOHKY - IOSBA - I1ASU - I5WEA - I6HWD - II1L - II1PV - II8LH - IK1AIL - IK1WEG - IK6XOU -IK8KNW - IK8WEJ - IK8YFU - IP1T - IQ0FM - IQ0FR - IQ3TS - IQ6PS - IQ6SB - IQ6SE - IQ7ML -IQ8NA - IQ8PL - IQ8QX - IQ8VX - IQ9SR - IS0BRQ - IT9AKC - IT9RRU - IU5AXT - IW0BET -IW5AB - IW8RAO - IZ0DIB - IZ1VUC - IZ1VZG - IZ1YFQ - IZ1YPF - IZ5GST - IZ5MMQ - IZ6TGS - IZ7BRC - IZ7CTE - IZ7XZJ - IZ8FFA - IZ8QNX

### Thank you for your attention

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