

The shipbuilding industry and naval engineering, situated in Marghera, continues to be represented by Fincantieri; in the plant, extending for 380,000 square meters, cruise ships and cruise-ferries up to 250,000 DWT can be built. The sector has always had a considerable importance in the economy of the province, thanks to the top technical skills, the research in design, the know-how of craftsmen that contribute to make the ships built in Marghera appreciated all over the world.

The shipbuilding industry also boasts a number of other vessels: recreational motor boats (speedboats, cabin cruisers, yachts, fisherman), sailing boats and fishing boats - the latter mostly used for activities in the lagoon. Not to forget the subsidiary activities, among which the marine upholstery sector is relevant.

The shipbuilding industry dedicated to the so-called subsidiary sailing - jewel of the lagoon tradition - is also present in the historic center of Venice, where small yards and wood carpenters produce: working boats, small vessels less than 10 meters in length and typical boats of the Venetian lagoon (gondolas, mascarete, caorline, toppe). After the will of some professionals in the sector, the [Consorzio per la Cantieristica Minore Veneziana](#) was born, which associates, supports and promotes about twenty small and medium companies located in the nautical area of Giudecca.

In order to promote the Venetian shipbuilding industry, the “Salone Nautico Internazionale di Venezia -Festival del Mare” was conceived. This event, organized annually in March, is attended by the most qualified exhibitors of the boating industry, with particular consideration to boating, promotion of pleasure boats, cruising, fishing, maritime tourism and inland waterways, tourism and yachting infrastructures - navigation control systems, with a massive presence of vintage hulls.

On a territorial basis, production activities connected to the nautical sector are also found in the Province of Rovigo, in particular in the Delta area, namely in the municipalities of Adria, Loreo, Porto Viro, operating in all the sectors of shipbuilding, from the construction of cargo vessels to fishing ones, from tankers to dredges, from ferry boats to passenger ships. Products made with the most varied materials: light aeronautic aluminum alloys, high resistant carbon steels, Duplex stainless steels resistant to any chemical agent, polyester or epoxy resins, reinforced with fiberglass, carbon or kevlar.