



1. Introduction

Rotary is primarily founded on fellowship — a concept expressed internationally through **Rotary Fellowships**, groups that bring together members from different countries and cultures who share the same interests.

The motto “**Making friends by sharing interest**” demonstrates how Fellowships represent the true essence of Rotary, as they promote relationships, friendship, and collaboration — essential elements for developing meaningful service activities.

2. Mission and Values

The **Rotary Fellowship of Sea Lovers** was established to:

- Make the sea a means of fellowship, friendship, and service.
- Promote recreational, cultural, sporting, environmental, and nature-related initiatives.
- Encourage the inclusion of younger generations, fostering healthy interests and values of responsibility.
- Support knowledge and protection of the sea through educational and awareness programs.

Core Values:

- Rotarian Friendship
- Passion for the Sea
- Inclusion and Solidarity
- Environmental Protection and Sustainability
- Leadership and Service

3. Official Recognition

September 5th, 2025: Approval by the **Board of Rotary International**.

Official inclusion among the approximately 100 Rotary Fellowships recognized and

listed on the Rotary website:

□ <https://www.rotary.org/it/our-programs/more-fellowships>

4. Establishment and Structure

Association: Formally established and registered with the **Italian Revenue Agency**, in compliance with Rotary International's requirements.

Membership Fees: Currently, no membership dues are required. However, to support the initial operational expenses, members may make a voluntary contribution.

Official Channels:

- Facebook Page
- Instagram
- www.rfsl.club

5. Organization

The Fellowship is structured territorially, inspired by the Rotary Club model:

- Marina Club:** Local units (e.g., *Rotary Fellowship Dubai Marina Club*).
- Commodore:** Heads each Marina Club for a two-year Rotary term; must be a Rotarian, Rotaractor, or Rotary Peace Fellow.
- District Commodore:** Coordinates the Marina Clubs within a Rotary District.
- Regional Commodore:** Oversees the District Commodores within a defined Rotary Region.
- International Board:** Defines guidelines and coordinates the Regional Commodores.

Members currently come from over ten countries: **Italy, United Arab Emirates (Dubai), USA (New York), Sweden, Singapore, Croatia, Venezuela, Tanzania, Serbia, and Montenegro.**

6. Promotional Activities

To develop and promote the Fellowship:

- Publish articles in Rotary magazines.
- Present the Fellowship during Rotary and Rotaract Club or District meetings.

- Organize **multi-club events** to introduce the Fellowship and promote its goals and programs.
- Encourage membership growth and the establishment of new **Marina Clubs**.

7. Programs and Projects

7.1 Service and Social Inclusion

“Paul Harris Sea School”: Sailing, rowing, kayaking, surfing, and other marine activities, offering scholarships for underprivileged youth, children with disabilities, or special educational needs.

- Educational programs promoting inclusion, respect, and cooperation.
- Partnerships with local nautical clubs and Rotary Clubs to ensure continuous initiatives.

7.2 Environment and Sustainability

- Plastic Free**: Awareness campaigns in schools, informational signage, and beach and seabed clean-ups.
- Plastic-Eating Fish**: Environmental education tools installed in seaside facilities.
- Fishing for Litter**: Agreements with fishermen to recover marine waste.
- River Barriers**: *Global Grant* project aimed at stopping plastic pollution in rivers and initiating recycling processes.

7.3 Culture and Networking

- Traveling Exhibitions** from the *National Antarctic Museum “Felice Ippolito”*, in collaboration with **CNR** and **ENEA**.
- Book presentations** and publications focused on marine themes.
- Webinars and conferences** on maritime regulations and safety.
- Partnerships** with other thematic associations and institutions.

7.4 Friendship and Fellowship

- Meetings and fellowship dinners** held around the world.
- Sailing cruises** organized with boat owners who are members of the Fellowship.

- Organization of international regattas.**

8. Conclusions

The **Rotary Fellowship of Sea Lovers** represents an extraordinary and innovative model of fellowship and service:

- it unites **passion, friendship, and responsibility**;
- it values **the commitment of members and communities**;
- it spreads **a culture of the sea** as a means of inclusion, growth, and sustainability.

At sea, there are no walls — only **collaboration, trust, and respect**.

This is the spirit we wish to share through our Fellowship.