

## **Civic Naval Museum**

Carmagnola

The Civic Naval Museum of Carmagnola was founded in 1996 by initiative of the Local Group of ANMI (National Association of Sailors of Italy) with the aim of bringing people to the sea, which is so important for the life of the Italian country and, at the same time, making known the maritime tradition of Piedmont.

Exhibiting items and tools supplied by the Association of Sailors of Italy, the museum is inserted in the history of the culture of Carmagnola because of the ancient connection with the manufacture of rope.

In Carmagnola they used to cultivate the hemp which, after has been worked in small local handcraft firms, was turned into sails and cordage, necessary to set up the rigging of ships. So natural link was created between the local village and the shipbuilding of Riviera Ligure, but also of France and even of England. The workers of many industries specialized in marine industry were called to serve in the Navy, strengthening in this way the ancient and close relationship of familiarity between Piedmont and the sea.

Among the exhibitions documents of daily life at sea, four sections are represented: History of the Italian Navy, Naval Activities in Italy until nowadays, Marine Environment and Naval Modelling.

