



MORE MODEL HYDROFOILS

of the **GOLDEN** era



This page : Hydrofoil production has restarted in Messina. This time not by Rodriquez but Enzo Annuario – and on a somewhat smaller scale
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THE SKILLED MODEL people in the Philippines are not the only ones who can offer to build scale models of the full size hydrofoils once delivered by Rodriquez (CFF Short March 2014).

Enzo Annuario – whose model hydrofoils have been presented in these pages in the past – has started a small series production in Messina, which of course is also the home of the Rodriquez shipyard. The first vessel being issued is PT.50 *Freccia d'Oro*, the original of which was delivered in 1959.





Above : Side view of PT.50 Freccia d'Oro in the 1:100 scale

The third Supramar PT.50 built, *Freccia d'Oro* entered service with Aliscafi SNAV in the Bay of Naples in 1959. After a career of 30+ years the hydrofoil suffered severe damage in a storm while moored at the Rodriguez premises in the early 1990s and was subsequently written off.

The models are made from resin and built to scale 1:100. Painting and all other finishing work, like decals and accessories, is made by hand. The production is limited to 10 copies of each vessel, at least in the current start-up phase. If demand justifies, this may change in future but for the time being it is about quality and not quantity and also emphasis is on following up with other PT.50s and PT.20s rather than mass-producing just one particular vessel.

Also nearing completion at the Annuario boatyard is a radio controlled model of PT.50 *Sun Arrow*, delivered by Rodriguez in 1968.

However, being built to scale 1:20 it is probably safe to assume that this will not go into series production but stay a one of a kind!

Already in the operational Annuario fleet is another *Freccia d'Oro*, also in scale 1:20 and having a length overall of 1.4 m and width across foils of 0.5 m (CFF December 2003). **cff**

Below : A hydrofoil in the hand is worth two in the bush. Certainly the 1:100 scale models are more handy and easy to collect. The bottom photo shows Enzo Annuario with his 1:20 scale operational version of Freccia d'Oro in 2003 / ENZO ANNUARIO photo, all

