School Museum of Maritime Affairs and Nautical Education
Ambroz Haračić Secondary School, Mali Lošinj

From Idea to Realisation

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About the project: School Museum of Maritime Affairs and Nautical Education

- **Team members**: Lidija Kosmos, prof.; Aldina Burić, prof.; Jelena Bralić, Principal
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- **The aim of the Project**: to preserve the cultural heritage of the island of Lošinj (the history of the island is closely related to the history of maritime affairs and Nautical school), and present it to the public.

- **Implementation of the Project**: The work on the Project started after we signed a co-funding agreement with the Ministry of Tourism (Funding Program: Vocational and Artistic Schools Projects aimed at Promotion and Empowering Tourism-Related Professions 2018) in April 2018.

- After receiving the funds from the Ministry of Tourism, we acquired museum showcases, and exhibited four collections of items.
Notes from the past

• The town of Mali Lošinj has a rich history of maritime affairs, that culminated in the 19th century, as well as the history of the unique Nautical School, founded by the Austrian authorities in 1855.

• Unfortunately, the city of Mali Lošinj, despite its rich maritime tradition (advertised by numerous tourist brochures), has no maritime museum, where visitors could get acquainted with this significant part of the past and our island tradition and culture.

• The Ambroz Haračić Secondary School is the heir to the former Nautical School of Lošinj. The School inherited many artefacts and various historical sources (meteorological, nautical and astronomical instruments of the 19th and 20th century, ship models, engine parts, books, photographs, archive documents etc.).

• For years, our School has been conducting various projects with the intention of preserving the cultural heritage of Mali Lošinj, whose history is closely related to the history of maritime affairs and the Nautical School.
Project „Conserving the tradition and exploring the local history of Mali Lošinj”

- Project supervisor: Lidija Kosmos

- **2005**: Start of the project;
  Forming the group of Young historians

- **2007**: Launching the *Days of Ambrož Haračić* manifestation by Mali Lošinj Tourist Board;
  Young historians organize the exhibition and presentation „*Ambrož Haračić (1855-1916)*”
2009, opening of the Haračić herbarium exhibition at the Kvarner Palace; where the Call was composed – with the intention of establishing the local heritage collection.
Exhibitions made in collaboration with various museums

- Lošinj Museum, Kvarner Palace, 2007 *Ambroz Haračić (1855 -1916)*
- Lošinj Museum, Kvarner Palace, 2009 *Haračić’s Herbarium*
- Cres Museum, Petris Palace, 2010 *Wild and Edible Plants and History of Herbalism on the Island of Cres*
- Mali Lošinj City Library, 2012 *Photo Album of a Teacher*
- City of Rijeka Museum, 2013 *Naval Academy and Nautical Education in Rijeka, Bakar and Mali Lošinj* (we collaborated as partners in setting the exhibition and making the catalogue)
Exhibition “Naval Academy and Nautical Education in Rijeka, Bakar and Mali Lošinj”

City of Rijeka Museum, 2013

- The exhibition material included various maritime and scientific instruments, textbooks, manuals, professional and scientific papers by professors, ship models, photographs, etc.
- Part of the exhibition material was handed over by the Ambroz Haračić Secondary School
- The School also participated in making of the exhibition catalogue
Night of the Museum, 29/1/2016
Lošinj Museum, Fritzi Palace

Giving lectures;
School artefacts handed over for the exhibition
Artefacts from School collection handed over to Lošinj Museum

Night of the Museum, 26/1/2018
Lošinj Museum, Fritzi Palace
Project „Sparks from maritime history”

- Project supervisors: Aldina Burić, prof., Vlaho Stražičić, prof.
- 2010/11 cooperation on Lošinj sails around the world – Lošinj Tourist Board project – making of sea maps with the famous Lošinj sail- and steamships’ routes
- 2011/12 exhibition of restored ship models in the School hall
- 2012/13 taking part in setting the exhibition on nautical education in The City of Rijeka Museum
- 2014/15 cataloging all the instruments used for teaching or navigation, including descriptions and modes of use
- 2015/16 cataloging the instruments; some of the instruments were exhibited as part of Lošinj sails around the world manifestation
- 2017/18 permanent exhibition – educational posters on Lošinj sails around the world project
- 2016 and 2018 co-organization of Night of the Museum, with The Lošinj Museum
Students involved in the „Sparks from maritime history” project, holding navigational instruments from the school collection. Students were investigating the ways of using those instruments, determined the time until they were used in navigation as well as which contemporary instruments took their place.
Our school building

- The appearance of our school is symbolically linked to the maritime past. The building was built in 1975. It was conceived as a ship command bridge. Round windows, distinctive shapes of fences, resemblance to a hull, and space in which, as in a ship’s cabin, every centimeter is used, all reveal the maritime design style.
Staffroom in the old Nautical School building, the 1970s

Nautical School was founded by the Austrian authorities; from 1881 until 1975 school building was placed at the city harbour.
Classroom in the old school building

Contemporary nautical cabinet after relocation to the new school building
Our School today
Collection of historical sources in the School

1. Instruments for terrestrial and astronomical navigation and maritime communication, that were previously used in teaching and navigation
2. Books and manuals previously used in teaching;
3. Meteorological instruments;
4. Artefacts from professor Haračić’s legacy;
5. Ship models;
6. Ship engine parts and other naval equipment
Collection of instruments for terrestrial and astronomical navigation

Optical distance meter Mk II

Walker’s Patent Log

Patent Sea-Sounding instrument

Dromoscope
Meteorological collection

Barograph

Psychrometer
Collection of ship models

M/V „Tuhobić”

Sailship’s hull maintenance model

M/V „Matko Laginja”
M/V Atlantic Breeze

S.S. Tirreno ship model in the School hall
The legacy of professor Ambrož Haračić

Haračić’s Chesterman Sheffield tape measure

Haračić’s Spyglass

Octant
Original portrait of Ambrož Haračić
Unknown author, 1912

Original Diploma: *Order of the Knight - Merit for Development of Natural Sciences*, awarded to Professor Haračić by emperor Franz Joseph I, 1904
Part of the maritime collection in the School hall
# Books and manuals

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Artefacts in front of the School, in the School park and hall...

Admiralty anchor with one arm missing, School park

Ship engine parts, School entrance
Hall type anchor; sailboat; part of the ship engine
Part of the ship engine; piston with a piston clip; steam pump
Nautical cabinet
Magnetic compass and the view from nautical cabinet terrace
School atrium

Magnetic compass, radiogoniometer Bellini Tosi antenna and radar antenna
Ship engine parts next to the school entrance
The initial phase of the Project is completed. We have invested a lot of energy so far, and we want to continue our work!!!