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Success of the Mar de Saberes Day in Galicia (supported by NEA2 and DORNA) (Lundi 14 Juin 2010)

The programme of this Europea Maritime Day event consisted of three conferences, a poetry recital, a visit and a trip in a 1916 sailboat.

Víctor Fernández González, Chairman of the Federación Galega pola Cultura Marítima e Fluvial (Galician Federation for Maritime and Fluvial Culture) gave a conference entitled "Patrimonio marítimo e nautismo" ("Maritime heritage and marine leisure"), in which he claimed the need to highlight Galician maritime heritage before institutions and society, inventorying it and proposing protection figures.

The chairman of the Galician Dockside Boat Makers' Association (AGALCARI; Asociación Galega de Carpinteiros de Ribeira), Gerardo Triñanes Domínguez, spoke on behalf of the association about how they are working to transmit to ship owners and to society the cultural, historical, ecological, social values and the quality of this handcraft activity that has an important role to play in a sustainable economy and in its contribution to local economic development.

The conference, which was given by the historian José Manuel Vázquez Lijó, dealt with dockside boat building in the former maritime province of A Coruña in the Former Regime (1750 to 1850), giving special reference to the construction hubs, and the number and types of craft that were built.

The programme ended with a poetry recital, in which the author, Francisco Fernández Naval, recited several poems by Galician authors from between the 12th Century and the present time, associated with the sea and dockside boat building.

The programme finished with a voyage in the 1916-built Joaquín Vieta sailboat along the River Muros and Noia, observing from the sea what is left of the former dockside boat builders in the areas of O Freixo, Broña and A Barquiña.

Following this Mar de Saberes day, we can say there are three key messages

- The maritime heritage needs of protection and conservation figures and of the recognition for authorities.
- The maritime heritage is a resource for the development of the costal areas
- The traditional know how is a valuable tool in a sustainable economy and environmental protection



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