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The progress of nautical studies in Southern Italy between 1734 and 1861

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The development of the Neapolitan royal fleet and of the merchant marine in the second half of 1700s provided for a good technical preparation for the officers and sailors: therefore, an articulated structure was created for the development of nautical studies. After the arrival of Charles of Bourbon (1734) the Academy of Navy was founded for the officers and a College for Pilots was created in Naples, in the Church of Santa Maria di Loreto (1749). Then in 1770 the Nautical Colleges of Naples and Piano di Sorrento were founded. The progress of the nautical and astronomical studies introduced by illustrious professors who from time to time have used the most famous texts, first Spanish, French and English then also Italian will be studied.

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