

SINIŠA ORLIĆ

Director General – Maritime Safety Directorate Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure

PROFILE

Senior government executive with over 35 years of experience in maritime administration, safety, and regulatory oversight. Extensive leadership background in national maritime operations, environmental protection, and search and rescue coordination. Proven ability to manage complex systems, lead institutional reforms, and represent national interests in maritime affairs.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director General

Maritime Safety Directorate, Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure **2021 – Present**

- Leads national maritime safety policy and regulatory framework
- Oversees maritime traffic control, safety inspections, and emergency response systems
- Coordinates international cooperation and compliance with maritime conventions

Assistant Minister

Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure **2017 – 2021**

- Supervised maritime sector policies and strategic development
- Managed cross-sector coordination and institutional reforms

Harbour Master (Senj)

Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure **1998 – 2017**

- Directed port authority operations and maritime safety enforcement
- Managed incident response, inspections, and navigation safety

Head of Branch Office (Senj)

Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure **1987 – 1998**

Seagoing Service (Passenger Ships) **1984 – 1987**

KEY LEADERSHIP ROLES

- IALA, Council member (2025. – Present)
 - EMSA, Management Board member (2019. – Present)
 - President, Administrative Board – Croatian Register of Shipping (2018–Present)
 - Commander, National Marine Pollution Response Headquarters (2017–Present)
 - President, County Marine Pollution Response Center (2008–2017)
 - President, Regional Maritime Coordination Body (2008–2017)
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EDUCATION

BSc in Maritime Transport
University of Rijeka, Faculty of Maritime Studies (2003)

Maritime Transport Engineer
University of Rijeka (1983)