

Marco Bertini, an Italian from Viareggio, has been drawn to offshore racing ever since he first saw the loud, fast, colorful boats speeding past the coast, as a twelve-year old. It was love at first sight. In 1973 he attended his first offshore competition - the Viareggio-Bastia-Viareggio, of course.

In 1978, this passion led him to approach an Italian legend in this sport, Captain Attilio Petroni, who welcomed him onto his team as an auxiliary worker. Marco later moved on to work with another legend, Franco Statua, on his Firebird Racing Team. These years were important for Marco, as he learned many tricks of the trade for offshore competitions and boating in general.

Although work ended up distancing him from this sport over the years to come, Marco continued to follow the races and save everything he could find about offshore racing, leaving him with an impressive collection of documents today.

Now, in addition to collaborating with other international experts, he also organizes the VBV Legend and does research and appraisals of historic offshore boats.