



# The Contarina Flag

*Second half of the 17th century*

The most beautiful Venetian standard handed down to us



Dear Friends,

I am delighted to make known, on the initiative of this *Committee for the celebration of the Veronese Easters*, of the *Independent Veneto Committee* and for *historical reconstruction* and of the *Free Trade Union (Sindacato Libero)* of Verona, and thanks to the involvement of various Institutions, primarily the Veneto Region (also with the contribution of AGSM, AMIA Verona and *Europa Veneta* association) that it has been possible to have the most beautiful Venetian flag ever known, completely redesigned by a professional illustrator and printed: **the flag that flew on the galley of the Doge, Domenico II Contarini**, who was the Most Serene Prince of the Republic of Venice from 1659 to 1675, as well as the hero of the war of Candia against the Turks (the fifth Turkish-Venetian war). It can be seen that, on the flag, among the exultation of Saints and sacred and highly symbolic images, there are also defeated Islamic prisoners on their knees, bound and yoked to the Contarini coat-of-arms.

The original of this ship's ensign is preserved at the Correr Museum of Venice.

A skilful and meticulous illustrator, Oliviero Murru, took on the task of reproducing and redesigning it in the minutest details, supplementing and improving the incomplete or time-worn parts and restoring the original splendour of the weft and warp, of the design and the colours. This makes it a work of art in itself. A booklet (enclosed and packaged together with each copy of the flag) illustrates its details and the civil and religious symbolic meanings that recall the glories of Venice and the Republic, both in peacetime and at war, its supernatural spirit and unshakeable faith, more necessary now than ever, in this time of crisis and relativism without principles and without God.

## THE HORIZONTAL VERSION OF THE CONTARINA FLAG, THE FORMATS AVAILABLE AND THE PRICES



**The flag of Doge Contarini (17th century) in the traditional horizontal version, entirely redesigned by the illustrator Oliviero Murru.**

The flag, in its traditional horizontal version, as seen above, has been reproduced in a limited number of copies, the costs involved being extremely high. It is available in the following formats with the respective cost prices:

 **SMALL HORIZONTAL FORMAT, 150 X 75 cm, € 20,00 each, plus postal shipment costs, in polyester pongee, very light, like a scarf;**

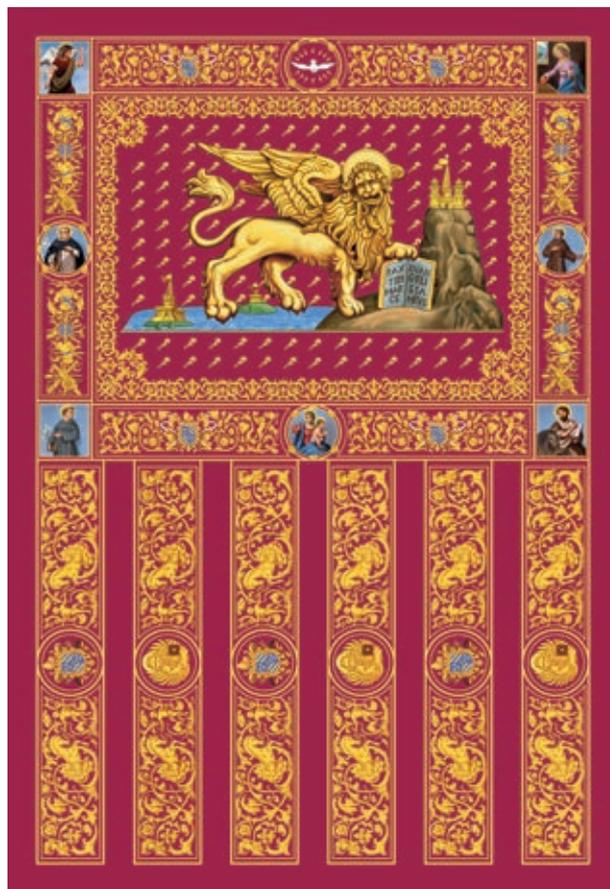
 **MEDIUM HORIZONTAL FORMAT, 300 X 150 cm, € 50,00 each, plus postal shipment costs, in polyester pongee, very light, like a scarf;**

 **LARGE HORIZONTAL FORMAT, 600 X 300 cm, € 150,00 each, plus postal shipment costs, in nautical polyester, more resistant.**

The postal shipment costs outside Italy have different rates, depending on the destination country and the volumetric weight of the package. They are therefore calculated on an individual basis, depending on the number of copies ordered and their format. Orders for multiple flags can represent a saving in the shipment costs.

All the horizontal flags have free or loose tails. A small number of them (both in small and medium formats) will have uncut tails to make it easier to hang them on the wall or frame them in a panel. Those interested are asked to specify in the order, whether they prefer small or medium flags with joined tails. In the absence of any specification, the flags will be sent with loose tails.

## THE VERTICAL VERSION OF THE CONTARINA FLAG



The flag of Doge Contarini (17th century) in the new vertical version, entirely redesigned by the illustrator Oliviero Murru.

**THIS VERTICAL VERSION OF THE CONTARINA FLAG has only just become available: in a more limited number of copies, which (together with the special nature of the process and the measurements) explains the higher cost. Even if, in its magnificence, it rivals and perhaps even exceeds the horizontal version. The vertical version is also produced in three formats: small, medium and large so, respectively, 150 cm, 230 cm and 600 cm high, as can be seen above). All with separate tails, which are therefore free or loose.**

This version, with the tails attached to the rectangle that surrounds the Lion, in such a way that they hang free, is very adaptable and can be placed on a wall or flown on civic towers or bell towers of cities and castles.

**Behind every flag in the vertical format, a suitable horizontal pocket can be used to insert the crosspiece, furnished with rings on the ends for supporting it. The flag will be supplied WITHOUT the crosspiece. Each buyer shall provide their own crosspiece, unless expressly requested. In this case, € 65,00 (sixty five euros) must be added for the aluminium crosspiece for the medium flag and € 82,00 (eighty two euros) for the crosspiece to support the large format flag. The costs of the crosspieces, however, may be subject to changes.**

**The prices of the Contarina flag in the vertical version, WITHOUT CROSSPIECE, are given below.**

## **PRICES OF THE VERTICAL VERSION OF THE CONTARINA FLAG (SUPPLIED WITHOUT CROSSPIECE)**

 **SMALL VERTICAL FORMAT, 96 X 150 cm, € 30,00 each, plus postal shipment costs, in polyester pongee, very light, like a scarf;**

 **MEDIUM VERTICAL FORMAT, 149 X 230 cm, € 55,00 each, plus postal shipment costs, in polyester pongee, very light, like a scarf;**

 **LARGE VERTICAL FORMAT, 390 X 600 cm, € 250,00 each, plus postal shipment costs, in nautical polyester, more resistant.**

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**Shipment by postal courier, depending on the format and the number of copies requested, with payment to the current accounted indicated below.**

## HOW TO PURCHASE THE FLAG

Anyone who wishes to purchase one or more Contarina flags, both in the horizontal and vertical formats, need only order them by email to [pasqueveronesi@libero.it](mailto:pasqueveronesi@libero.it), making clear the format and number of copies required; at the same time, paying the fee indicated above in euros, to which the costs of postal shipment must be added, which will be indicated based on the destination country and the volumetric weight of the package, all to the current bank account: IT23No880759870000000409805, in the name of the *Comitato per la celebrazione delle Pasque Veronesi* - Via Mentana, 24 - 37128 VERONA - c/o BCC of Verona and Vicenza, branch office of San Giorgio in Salici (Vr).

The completeness of the data provided (address, telephone number, email address etc.) is important, especially for the courier, as well as the sender, to make the delivery more certain.

Note that, to save the recipients' money, a rather slow but sure courier (Poste Italiane's SDA) has been chosen for the delivery.

To ensure delivery, the courier will be given an email address and the fixed or mobile telephone number of the recipient. In the event of absence, after two failed attempts at delivery, the package will be stored (free of charge) at the closest post office for the following 3-4 working days.

For information: **+39 347/3603084 (Maurizio Ruggiero).**

Thank you for your attention, warm greetings to all at *Viva San Marco! (Long live St Mark!)*,

**Maurizio-G. Ruggiero**

Verona, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2019

Feast of the Our Lady of Health and Presentation  
of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary at the Temple



**Above: The alternating fringes of the Contarina flag, to the left of the Lion of St Mark.**

**On the right: The panoplies or military trophies that adorn the vertical borders of the flag, to the left and right of the Lion of St Mark.**



*Iterum rudit Leo  
The Lion roars again*

