## **GEORGE A. VERNICOS**

- ⇒ Born in Athens in 1950 in a seafaring family from the island of Sifnos that first began its shipping activities in mid of 19<sup>th</sup> century in Istanbul and moved to Piraeus in the 1920's.
- ⇒ Studied Economics at the University of Athens and University of London.
- ⇒ President of ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF GREECE www.oke.gr
- ⇒ General Secretary of GREEK TOURISM CONFEDERATION www.sete.gr
- ⇒ Honorary President of HELLENIC PROFESSIONAL YACHT OWNERS ASSOCIATION www.hpyoa.gr
- ⇒ Member of the Board of HELLENIC CHAMBER OF SHIPPING <a href="https://www.nee.gr">www.nee.gr</a>
- ⇒ Chairman of **VERNICOS YACHTS** -<u>www.vernicos.com</u>

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George Vernicos has also a continuous and fruitful activity in the social field.

From a young age he develops a remarkable activity over Democracy and rebels against the dictatorship.

As a student he plays a leading role at the liberation movement, thereby he gets caught by the Authorities and tortured. He has been honored by the Greek parliament for his prominent role in the events that led to the restoration of Democracy in Greece.

He was elected as councilman at the municipality of Athens. He was elected President of the protectory "G. & A. HATZIKONSTA" and member of the Board of the NAUTICAL INSTITUTE (ESTIA NAFTIKON). He served as director of GREEK NATIONAL TOURIST ORGANIZATION.

In 1990 he co-establishes GREENPEACE in Greece. In 2001 he was elected Board Chair, a position that he held till June 2012. Today he is the Honorary President of GREENPEACE-Greece.

He is member of several Organizations and Chambers that aims to the financial, cultural and social recovery of Greece and the defense of the citizens' rights.