

Dov Shafir is a retired Israeli naval officer who commanded the Shayetet 13 (Flotilla 13), first from 1960-1965 and again during the Six Day War in 1967. Between these periods, Shafir completed studies at the prestigious École Supérieure de Guerre Navale in Paris. Later, Mr. Shafir became the head of the Manpower Division in the Israeli Navy.

Following his retirement from the navy in 1975, Shafir embarked on a business career, which included serving as Chairman of the Executive Committee of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries.

In 2014, he became the largest benefactor for the restoration of the 5<sup>th</sup> century BCE ship found off the coast of [Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael](#) in 1985. The University of Haifa and the Israel Antiquities Authority launched the “new” ship into the Mediterranean waters in March 2017.