

# HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA

Transparency | Clarity | Accountability

## Background

Established in 2014, the charity was founded as an initiative to explore issues of maritime human rights

## Our Mission

To raise awareness, implementation and accountability of human rights provisions

## Our Principle

The charity works under our Founding Principle that *"Human rights apply at sea, as equally as they do on land"*

## Our Aim

To become a leading independent maritime human rights platform



EDUCATION



INVESTIGATION



ADVOCACY



BUSINESS



LAW

13 September 2013: Human Rights at Sea concept introduced at London International Shipping Week 2013



- Human Rights at Sea initiative launched London
  - Dedicated news site launched
- German President states: **"Human rights apply on the high seas"** at the Berlin Refugee Conference
  - Case studies: African Migrant & Rohingya boat people
  - Video transcript of murdered seafarers in Indian Ocean
  - Keynote speeches: German Forum for Human Rights & Friedrich Ebert Foundation
  - London office opens and growth of supporting entities

2014

2015

- BBC World News Interviews
- Letters to Thai Prime Minister and Falklands Island Government (with The Fishermen's Mission, Apostleship of the Sea, Mission to Seafarers, Sailors Society, US Secretary of State)
- "100 Series Rules for the Use of Force" added to charity site
- International Alert: Abandonment of migrants in Andaman Sea
- **Human Rights at Sea becomes a Registered Charity**
- **Launched:**
  - Missing Seafarers Reporting Programme
  - New Gender and LGBT work
  - eyeWitness app with International Bar Association
  - Marlins Humanitarian Rescue e-learning course

2016

- New head office on UK South Coast
- **MV Seaman Guard Ohio: Charity mentioned in European Parliament**
  - **Human Rights at Sea Trademarks registered**
    - Open letter to EU Commission: Thai fishing
    - **Conference speeches:**
      - 22nd European Maritime Law Organisation (EMLO)
      - 4th NATO Operational Maritime Law
- Submission to UN Special Rapporteur: Human Rights & The Environment
  - **1st video blog from Sea-Watch off Libya**
  - Charity publication briefed to UN Human Rights Council Intergovernmental Working Group: Deprivation of Liberty at Sea

2017

- Legal Research Programme launched
- First NGO Voluntary Code of Conduct for Search and Rescue operations published
- Bristol University Law School Human Rights Implementation Centre Partnership
- New educational films and infographics with Marlins



## Independent Research, Investigation & Advocacy for Maritime Human Rights



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