

## 2013

**13 Sept**  
**Human Rights At Sea Concept Introduced**  
 London International Shipping Week 2013  
*"Human rights apply at sea, as equally as they do on land"*

## 2014

**3 April**  
**Launch onboard HQS Wellington London**



**14 May**  
 First webinar Human Rights in Business Program Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, American University Washington College of Law

**18 June**  
 Dedicated News site launched [www.humanrightsatsea-news.org](http://www.humanrightsatsea-news.org)

**24 Jun**  
**Conference - Boat refugees and Migrants at Sea, London**

**30 Jun**  
 President of Federal Republic of Germany states Human Rights apply on the High Seas Berlin Refugee Conference

**7 Jul**  
 Release of abuse footage of foreign crewed fishing vessels in Southern Ocean

**7 Aug**  
**Case Study: African Migrants 'Seeking safety in Europe from torture and ill-treatment'**

**18 Aug**  
 Investigation starts Indian Ocean seafarer murders

**19 Aug**  
**Comment: Murder of Seafarers on High Seas**

**19 Aug**  
**Interview: New Zealand TVNZ One News**

**20 Aug**  
 First video transcription of Indian Ocean murdered seafarers

**20 Aug**  
**Interview: Voice of America murdered Indian Ocean seafarers**

**28 Aug**  
 Human Rights at Sea comments on first New Zealand trafficking case

**10 Sep**  
**Case Study: The Push Back Situation in Australia - Operation Sovereign Borders and "Stop the Boats"**

**2014**  
 IMO recognition as a Seafarers online resource

**16 Sep**  
 Human Rights at Sea becomes .org

**16 Sep**  
 Fourth Finance Against Trafficking conference

**23 Sep**  
 Opening of London Office: 9 Bedford Row (now relocated to UK South coast)

**30 Sep**  
 Keynote speech to Friedrich Ebert Foundation Germany

**1 Oct**  
 Keynote speech at German Forum for Human Rights

**13 Oct**  
 New Human Rights at Sea website live

**29 Oct**  
**Speaker: 2014 World Oil and Gas Corporate Security Forum London**

**29 Oct**  
**Case Study: Human trafficking of Bangladeshi and Rohingya boat people in Thailand**

**31 Oct**  
 Supporting organisation for London International Shipping Week 2015

**10 Dec**  
**Speaker: Law Society Annual Human Rights Conference**

**15 Dec**  
 Introductory video for Missing Seafarers Reporting Programme

**15 Dec**  
**Interview: IHS Maritime Human Rights at Sea Initiative introduction**

## 2015

**2 Jan**  
**Review: EU Court of Human Rights piracy judgment**

**2 Jan**  
**Interview: BBC News Vessel and migrant abuses**

**5 Jan**  
**Interview BBC World News Italian migrant rescue**

**14 Jan**  
 Letter to Thai Prime Minister on illegal use of prisoners on fishing vessels

**30 Jan**  
**Launch Of Flagship Missing Seafarers Reporting Programme (MSRP)**



**13 Feb**  
**Publication: Increasing Scope of the Obligation to Investigate Human Rights Abuses at Sea**

**22 Feb**  
 Online report of drowned fishers in Falkland Islands

**11 Mar**  
**Case Study: MV Seaman Guard Ohio (India)**

**22 Mar**  
 CSR Policy for AFEX released

**7 Apr**  
 100 Series Rules for the Use of Force added to Human Rights at Sea site

**20 Apr**  
**'Unlocking the Issue' Campaign launched**

**23 Apr**  
**Commentary: Management and actions relating to the EU Mediterranean Migrant crisis**

**27 Apr**  
**Commentary: Legal, humanitarian and practical issues plague military targeting of Libyan traffickers' boats**

**8 May**  
 New website live

**12 May**  
**International Alert: Abandonment of migrants in Andaman Sea**

**14 May**  
 Supporting efforts to locate migrant vessels in Andaman Sea

**21 May**  
**Human Rights at Sea becomes a Registered Charity**

## 2015 cont/d

**28 May**  
 UN Global Compact signatory

**4 Jun**  
**Publication: Deprivation of Liberty at Sea guidance**

**2 Jul**  
 Interview BBC World News Philippines ferry incident

**8 Jul**  
**'The Human Rights at Sea Interview' platform launched**

**13 Jul**  
 Marlins partner with Human Rights at Sea for Humanitarian Rescue e-learning course

**15 Jul**  
**Just Giving donor platform established**

**27 Jul**  
 Joint letter to Falklands Island Government fisheries abuses with The Fishermen's Mission, Apostleship of the Sea, the Mission to Seafarers, Sailors Society

**27 Jul**  
 Open joint letter to US Secretary of State John Kerry - Trafficking in Persons Report - alongside 25 NGOs

**29 Jul**  
 Human Rights at Sea invited to join German Federal Government's "Charter of the Future - ONE WORLD - Our Responsibility"

**29 Jul**  
**Case Study: New Zealand Slavery at Sea and Forced Labor**

**1 Sep**  
**Publication: East African review of the 100 Series Rules for the Use of Force**

**1 Sep**  
 Human Rights at Sea uncovers abuse of Indian seafarers

**1 Sep**  
 Commentary on Australian Senate Committee Recognising Breaches of Human Rights of Asylum Seekers Arriving by Sea Detained on Nauru

**6 Sep**  
**Publication: Human Rights at Sea Research Ethics Policy**

**8 Sep**  
**Speaker: London International Shipping Week - The Big Welfare Debate**

**30 Sep**  
 Fundraising for migrant film 'Clandestine' (renamed 2016 'The Dead Sea')

**18 Oct**  
**New Trustees appointed: Professor Steven Haines & Captain Jessica Tyson**

**19 Oct**  
 Fundraising Campaign covering Refugee and Migrant crisis film re-launched

**26 Oct**  
**Missing Seafarers Reporting Programme fully mobile enabled**

**9 Nov**  
**Publication: Gender at Sea briefing notes**

**15 Nov**  
 Human Rights at Sea launches new Gender and LGBT work areas

**16 Nov**  
**Ensign Events announces launch of first International Maritime Human Rights Conference, "Respect, Responsibility, Remedy in the Maritime Environment"**

**21 Nov**  
 Support to the UN-led UNITE to End Violence Against Women Campaign

**4 Dec**  
 Marlins launches 'Humanitarian Response' e-learning course. Developed in partnership with Human Rights at Sea

**4 Dec**  
 eyeWitness at Sea work area launched

**7 Dec**  
**Human Rights at Sea and International Bar Association launch initiative to capture maritime abuses with eyeWitness App**



**31 Dec**  
 Human Rights at Sea Adviser Lt-Cdr Sam Truelove RN awarded MBE

## 2016

**2 Jan**  
**New Head Office - South Coast UK**

**11 Jan**  
 Human Rights at Sea comments on Indian judicial sentence of MV Seaman Guard Ohio crew

**19 Jan**  
**MV Seaman Guard Ohio - Human Rights at Sea mentioned in European Parliament in a Motion for EU Resolution**

**20 Jan**  
 ISWAN 24hr Seafarer Help & International Bar Association eyewitness app links embedded within MSRP platform

**22 Jan**  
**Human Rights at Sea Trademarks registered with UK Intellectual Property Office**

**24 Jan**  
 International Maritime Human Rights Conference, Aim & Objectives released

**26 Jan**  
 Human Rights at Sea updates its free on-line library

**10 Feb**  
 Publication of first Family Impact Statement

**21 Feb**  
 Open letter to EU Commission concerning Thai fishing and human rights abuses

**4 Mar**  
 Videotel produced MSRP Introductory Video

**12 Mar**  
 New eyeWitness at Sea evidence app Infographics

**21 Mar**  
**Publication: Modern Slavery Act Briefing note for the Maritime Environment**

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**30 Mar**  
**Publication: UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the Maritime Environment**



**19 Apr**  
**Publication: Volunteer Maritime Rescuers: Awareness of Criminalisation.**

**28 Apr**  
**Expansion of flagship missing seafarers to include missing fishers at sea**



**3 May**  
**Interview BBC Radio - MV Seaman Guard Ohio Case (India)**

**31 May**  
**Publication: 20 Questions - African Economic Migrants**

## WHO WE ARE

### BACKGROUND

Human Rights at Sea was established in April 2014. It was founded as an initiative to explore issues of maritime human rights development, review associated policies and legislation, and to undertake independent investigation of abuses at sea. It rapidly grew beyond all expectations and for reasons of governance it became a registered charity under the UK Charity Commission in 2015.

Today, the charity is an established, regulated and independent registered non-profit organisation based on the south coast of the United Kingdom. It undertakes **research**, **investigation** and **advocacy** specifically for human rights issues in the maritime environment, including contributing to support for the human element that underpins the global maritime and fishing industries.

The charity works internationally with all individuals, commercial and maritime community organisations that have similar objectives as ourselves, including all the principal maritime welfare organisations.

**OUR MISSION** is to explicitly raise awareness, implementation and accountability of human rights provisions throughout the maritime environment, especially where they are currently absent, ignored or being abused.

## KEEP IN CONTACT



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