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JULY 2018

12 JUNE: HRAS Shortlisted for the 2018 Safety at Sea Awards

24 JULY: HRAS & University of Bristol publish “Flag States and Human Rights” Report: Flag State and Human Rights a Study on Flag State Practice in Monitoring, Reporting, and Enforcing Human Rights Obligations on board Vessels at Sea

31 AUGUST: Human Rights at Sea and Stop Illegal Fishing announce Collaboration to raise Awareness of Human Rights Protections on Fishing Vessels

SEPTEMBER 2018

4 SEPTEMBER: HRAS Case Study Manning Agents and the UK Fishing Industry Supply Chain: An Investigative Report and Case Study of non-EEA crew from the Philippines, Challenging Abuse at Sea

17 SEPTEMBER: Films: HRAS Launches the first of three educational videos on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the Maritime Environment

24 SEPTEMBER: HRAS Welcomes Rob Palfrey as a New non-Executive Board Member

JUNE 2018

JULY 1: Concerning Allegations over Maritime Recruitment Practices and Human Rights Abuses


9 JULY: HRAS Commentary on the Ongoing Central Mediterranean Crisis

17 JULY: HRAS Case Study Seafarers’ Abandonment on Kish Island, Iran, A Practice of Human Rights Abuses (Part 1)

31 JULY: Human Rights at Sea has joined nine other leading NGOs in an open letter to UNHCHR over the ongoing handling over the Mediterranean crisis

AUGUST 2018

26 AUGUST: Family of Chennai 6 crew member thank Human Rights at Sea
25 SEPTEMBER: HRAS launches the second of three educational videos on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the Maritime Environment - Part 2 Access to Effective Remedy

28 SEPTEMBER: Joint Civil Society Statement Concerning Implementation of the Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930

28 SEPTEMBER: Human Rights at Sea Welcomes New Fundraiser to the Charity

28 SEPTEMBER: Article: Luisa Zappalà. Search and Rescue: Shared Responsibilities in International Law of Member States, the European Union and Frontex in the Mediterranean

31 OCTOBER: 2nd IMHR Conference takes place at Fishmongers’ Hall, London

OCTOBER 2018

9 OCTOBER: HRAS launches the third of three educational videos on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the Maritime Environment - Part 3 Maritime Business & Human Rights: Corporate Actions

25 OCTOBER: Human Rights at Sea Annual Report Year Four: Global Delivery of Maritime Human Rights

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11 NOVEMBER: Missing Seafarers & Fishers Reporting Programme Updated

17 OCTOBER: HRAS enables Ethiopian Chief Officer to return home with wages paid

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JANUARY 2019

8 JANUARY: Thesis Publication: Shadi Elserafy: The Smuggling of Migrants across the Mediterranean Sea: States’ Responsibilities and Human Rights

15 JANUARY: HRAS Case Study: The Killing of Fesaitu Raimkau: A Fijian Crewman in Panama

FEBRUARY 2019

1 FEBRUARY: Human Rights at Sea Review of ZS Wellness Ltd Think Tank Event

6 FEBRUARY: UNODC Maritime Crime Programme sees HRAS attendance

22 FEBRUARY: Missing Seafarers & Fishers Reporting Programme IP Reinforced

29 JANUARY: HRAS Case Study: In Their Own Words, Eight Indian Seafarers Abandoned Off-Shore Walvis Bay, Namibia, Face Fatigue, Lack of Wages and Mental Health Issues.


22 FEBRUARY: HRAS Briefing Note: Legal and Policy Matters Arising from the Increased Criminalisation of the Civil Society Search and Rescue Activities in the Mediterranean

28 FEBRUARY: Indian Government engages in Human Rights at Sea debate Mumbai seminar with FINS Think Tank

MARCH 2019

8 MARCH: HRAS Case Study: A Family Update for Captain Ayyappan SWAMINATHAN Abandonment. A Pattern of Human Rights Abuse.

13 MARCH: UN Global Communication on Engagement 2019 Published

13 MARCH: HRAS Case Study: Abandonment Case Study A Family Update for Chief Engineer Gorropotu Venkatarao Abandonment. A Pattern of Human Rights Abuse.

15 MARCH: HRAS Trustee Steven Haines’ lecture at the University of Westminster on International Law of the Sea and the emerging debate of human rights at sea

23 MARCH: HRAS Case Study: Fishing: A Family Perspective of deceased Fijian crewman who worked on Taiwanese Longliners
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4 APRIL: Human Rights at Sea lectures at International Maritime Law Institute, Malta

5 APRIL: First Geneva Declaration on Human Rights at Sea published

15 APRIL: Commentary: Rape at Sea, Flag State jurisdiction and the Search for Justice

15 APRIL: Positive attitude of future maritime lawyers & scholars to Human Rights at Sea

23 APRIL: Human Rights at Sea supports the Case filed against Greece in Strasbourg Court over Criminalising Search and Rescue

30 APRIL: Human Rights at Sea Briefing Note FISHING UK Share Fishermen: A Practical Guide & Review of Status

MAY 2019

6 MAY: Human Rights at Sea publishes it’s UN Global Compact Communication on Engagement

23 MAY: Human Rights at Sea Case Study: Human Rights Abuse & Amputations in Fijian Crewed Fisheries

21 MAY: City of Geneva formally supports Geneva Declaration Development


27 MAY: HRAS publishes the Business and Human Rights Audit for the Anglo-Northern Irish Fish Producers Organisation

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Who We Are

BACKGROUND

Human Rights at Sea was conceived in February 2013, first publicly highlighted at the 2013 London International Shipping Week, and founded on 4 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, Education, Advocacy and Lobbying 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

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

We welcome any questions, comments or suggestions. Please send your feedback to:
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