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IMPACT REPORT

OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENT WORK IN THE MARITIME ENVIRONMENT

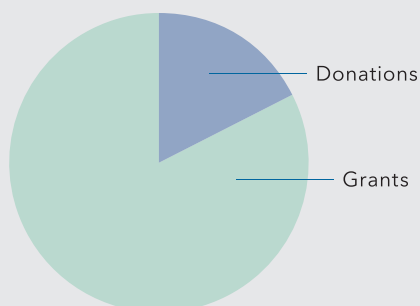
KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF YEAR SIX

Human Rights at Sea Annual Accounts

Income 1 June 2019 - 31 May 2020

DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Donations	£29,948
Grants	£139,507
TOTAL	£169,455



SUMMARY

Income	£169,455
Resources Expended	£120,494
Surplus Funds	£48,961

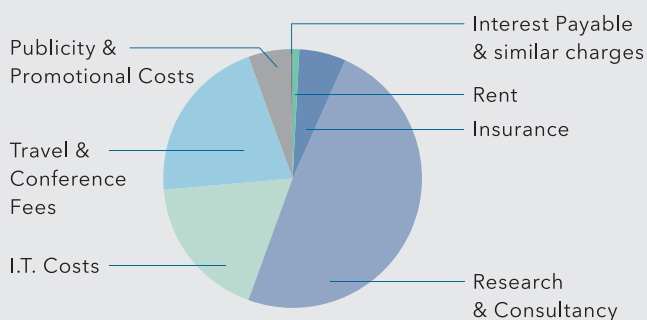
Expenditure 1 June 2019 - 31 May 2020

GOVERNANCE COSTS

Independent Examiners Fees	£900
Legal Fees	£13
Trustee Recruitment Costs	£1,200
TOTAL	£2,113

DIRECT COSTS

Rent	£720
Insurance	£4,235
Research & Consultancy	£35,749
I.T. Costs	£13,187
Travel & Conference Fees	£15,276
Publicity & Promotional Costs	£3,931
Interest Payable & similar charges	£70
TOTAL	£73,168

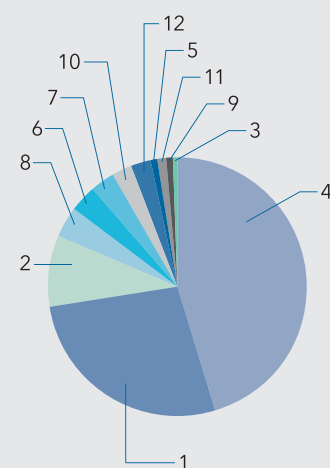


RAISING DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Fundraising	£267
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SUPPORT COSTS

1. Trustees' Salaries	£12,212
2. Trustees' Fees	£4,000
3. Trustees' Pension Contributions	£212
4. Wages	£20,415
5. Pensions	£489
6. Storage Costs	£1,396
7. Telephone	£1,368
8. Postage & Stationary	£1,820
9. Membership Fees	£335
10. Bookkeeping Fees	£1,188
11. Payroll Fees	£461
12. Depreciation of Tangible Assest	£1,050
TOTAL	£44,946



TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

£120,494



103

Press Releases

not all included in this document



37

News Reports



12

External Publications



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Internal Publications

JUNE 2019

07/06/19

News
SEAFARERS UK DIRECTOR GENERAL ISSUES SUPPORTING MESSAGE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA



On the occasion of the forthcoming retirement of Commodore Barry Bryant CVO Royal Navy, Director General Seafarers UK, Commodore Bryant has issued a supporting message to Human Rights at Sea for its ongoing work and impact.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/06/07/seafarers-uk-director-general-issues-supporting-message-for-human-rights-at-sea/>

10/06/19

HRAS Publication
SECOND FLAG STATES AND HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT PUBLISHED



Human Rights at Sea, in partnership with the University of Bristol Law School Human Rights Implementation Centre, issued the second independent public report: An Evaluation of Flag State Practise in Monitoring, Reporting and Enforcing Human Rights Obligations on Board Vessels', as part of an ongoing study.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/06/10/second-flag-states-and-human-rights-report-published/>

20/06/19

Statement
HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA STATEMENT FOR WORLD REFUGEE DAY



Against a historic high record of forced displacement that shows that over 70 million people have been forced to flee their home, on World Refugee Day, Human Rights at Sea stands in solidarity with refugees, with those in refugee-like situations as well as with all individuals seeking international protection.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/06/20/human-rights-at-sea-statement-for-world-refugee-day/>



25/06/19

Case Study
GENDER EQUALITY AT SEA. THE STORY OF ETO AMREEN BANO



"Shipping has always been a male dominated industry for years, but now times are changing. Women are coming to sea and they are proving themselves."

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/06/25/gender-equality-at-sea-the-story-of-eto-amreen-bano/>

29/06/19

Statement
HRAS DEPLORES THE ARREST OF CAPTAIN CAROLE RACKETE



The arrest in the early hours in the Italian port of Lampedusa of Carole Rackete, the German Captain of the Dutch flagged humanitarian vessel, Sea-Watch3, who defied the imposed ban to disembark migrants saved from a rubber dinghy off the coast of Italy.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/06/29/hras-deplores-the-arrest-of-captain-carole-rackete/>

JULY 2019

01/07/19

Case Study
UPDATE TO ABANDONED INDIAN SEAFARERS OF MV TAMIM ALDAR OFF UAE COAST



"We don't have any option to save our life, we have to go, so finally we decided and went with our lifeboat... we were very afraid, but somehow we have to go to save us" Testimony of abandoned seafarers of MV Tamim Aldar having been forced to abandon their vessel.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/07/01/update-to-abandoned-indian-seafarers-in-mv-tamim-aldar-off-uae-coast/>

01/07/19

Podcast
ABANDONED SEAFARER PODCAST TESTIMONY TO CONDITIONS ENDURED ON MV TAMIM ALDAR



In a rapidly developing phase to this matter which should herald the abandonment of the remaining crew onboard the UAE flagged MV Tamim Aldar, the remaining four seafarers (two Indian, two Eritrean) are currently under tow.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/07/01/abandoned-seafarer-podcast-testimony-to-conditions-endured-on-mv-tamim-aldar/>

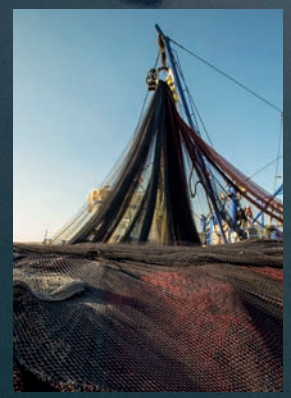
04/07/19

Op-Ed
OP-ED: NGO PACIFIC DIALOGUE ON PACIFIC SEAFARERS



The Fijian partner to Human Rights at Sea, the NGO Pacific Dialogue, released an OP-ED to mark the 2019 Day of the Seafarer which is reproduced for an increased awareness of the history, issues and work being carried out in the Pacific by seafarers.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/07/04/op-ed-ngo-pacific-dialogue-on-pacific-seafarers/>





05/07/19
Op-Ed
OP-ED: SEA-WATCH CAPTAIN FREED. A VICTORY FOR HUMANITARIAN RESCUE AT SEA



Captain Carole Rackete freed, but the European political controversy continues. The judicial decision delivered a much needed victory for both common-sense and humanitarian acts of rescue at sea, thereby setting a precedent to be reflected on for all vessel Captains and policy makers alike.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/07/05/op-ed-sea-watch-captain-freed-a-victory-for-humanitarian-rescue-at-sea/>

10/07/19
Case Study
MV TAMIM ALDAR SEAFARER VIKAS MISHRA UPDATED ABANDONMENT TESTIMONY



One of the three remaining seafarers onboard the UAE flagged MV Tamim Aldar, owned by Dubai-based Eliteway Marine Services Ltd, provided Human Rights at Sea with an exclusive updated personal testimony to the continuing issue of their

abandonment by Eliteway now seven nautical miles inside of UAE territorial waters.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/07/10/mv-tamim-aldar-seafarer-vikas-mishra-updated-abandonment-testimony/>

15/07/19
News
INDIA DRIVING NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA AGENDA



The Indian Government and National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) are driving forward with the newly created 'Human Rights at Sea' agenda in quick time following the first national seminar on the topic held in Mumbai on 28 February 2019, and a historic NHRC meeting in New Dehli on Monday 8 July co-organised with the Forum for Integrated National Security (FINS) think-tank.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/07/15/india-driving-national-human-rights-at-sea-agenda/>

16/07/19
News
HRAS SHORTLISTED FOR SAFETY4SEA EUROPORT AWARDS



Human Rights at Sea is pleased to share the news that it has been shortlisted for the 2019 Safety4Sea Europort Awards in the category of 'Initiative Award' for its work raising global awareness of human rights abuses at sea through a series of case studies produced this year on abandonment of seafarers, aiming at creating awareness on human rights and labour abusive practices that crews may encounter worldwide.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/07/16/13312/>

18/07/19
News
HRAS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER BECOMES FIRST GE AD HOC



Human Rights at Sea is delighted to report that Prof. Dr. Anna Petrig, Professor of International Law at the University of Basel, Human Rights at Sea Advisory Board Member, and co-author of the emerging Geneva Declaration on Human Rights at Sea, was appointed as a judge ad hoc at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in Hamburg for the San Padre Pio case.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/07/18/hras-advisory-board-member-becomes-first-female-itlos-judge-ad-hoc/>

22/07/19
News
NORWEGIAN FLAG AND OWNERS STEP UP TO SUPPORT NEW HUMANITARIAN RESCUE VESSEL IN MEDITERRANEAN



The Norwegian Flag and Norwegian owners have stepped up to provide a new civil society humanitarian rescue vessel the Viking Ocean to be operated in the central Mediterranean reflecting a renewed joint partnership between SOS MEDITERRANEE and Doctors Without Borders (MSF) for the rescue of persons in distress at sea under the established international law requirements of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/07/22/norwegian-flag-and-owners-step-up-to-support-new-humanitarian-rescue-vessel-in-mediterranean/>

22/07/19
Statement
IRANIAN SHIP DETENTIONS: TIME FOR UPDATED DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY AT SEA GUIDANCE



Following the detention by Iranian Revolutionary Guard forces of the UK-flagged Stena Impero on

Friday 19 July and the latest reported actions which have seen the 23 person crew taken off the ship for "questioning", Human Rights at Sea renews its call for widely-accepted UN guidance outlining the basic human rights protections for crew during the deprivation of their liberty in such circumstances.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/07/22/iranian-ship-detentions-time-for-updated-deprivation-of-liberty-at-sea-guidance/>

24/07/19
Case Study/
Internal Publication
PACIFIC FISHERIES ABUSES: TESTIMONY OF FIJIAN FISHING WIDOWS, MOTHER AND SISTER



In partnership with Fijian-based NGO, Pacific Dialogue, Human Rights at Sea publishes the fifth case study in the current series exposing the consequences and challenges for families of seafarers who have suffered and died as a result of human and labour rights abuses onboard Fijian-crewed fishing vessels.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/07/24/pacific-fisheries-abuses-testimony-of-fijian-fishing-widows-mother-and-sister/>



AUG 2019

12/08/19

News

GENEVA DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA FEATURED ON SWISS RTS RADIO



The Geneva based Swiss public broadcasting organisation introduced and featured the Geneva Declaration on Human Rights at Sea during their news feature. RTS is in charge of the production and broadcasting of radio programming in French for Switzerland providing national and international news broadcasts.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/08/12/geneva-declaration-on-human-rights-at-sea/>

12/08/19

Briefing Note

INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF UAE LEGAL AND POLICY PROTECTIONS FOR SEAFARERS



Human Rights at Sea issues an independent review and briefing note on the current legal and policy protections for seafarers operating in United Arab Emirates (UAE) waters following on from the series of high-profile abandonment cases since late 2018 highlighted by the charity's case studies and other leading international newspapers such as the Times of India and The Guardian.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/08/12/independent-review-of-uae-legal-and-policy-protections-for-seafarers/>

21/08/19

Briefing Note

HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR BRIEFING NOTE



Human Rights at Sea publishes new briefing note reviewing the report of the UN Independent Expert and special rapporteur on human rights and international solidarity with implications for human rights at sea.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/08/21/human-rights-and-international-solidarity-special-rapporteur-briefing-note/>

21/08/19

News

SEAFARER ABUSE CONTINUES WITH LOW SETTLEMENT OFFERS FOR OUTSTANDING WAGES



Human Rights at Sea was contacted in desperation by a seafarer and Indian national 34-year-old Vikas Mishra from Jaunpur who had previously suffered 35 months and 13 days onboard the UAE flagged MV Tamim Aldar owned by Eliteway Marine Services Ltd without pay and seeing his family in what has been a widely and internationally reported matter. Since 8th August 2019, Vikas and his fellow crew members have been ashore in the UAE and in his case he has only received five months salary. To date, he is still owed over 30 months salary amounting to in-excess of USD 71,000.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/08/21/seafarer-abuse-continues-with-low-settlement-offers-for-outstanding-wages/>



SEPT 2019

02/09/19

Event

HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA SPONSORS LISW 2019 PROPELLER CLUB EVENT



As part of London International Shipping Week, Human Rights at Sea was pleased to co-sponsor alongside other key maritime organisations ASP Ship Management, GNS, Spinnaker Global, L & R Midland, TMC Marine and St Kitts & Nevis International Ship Registry the evening event held by The Propeller Club. The event will support funds for the Tall Ships Youth Trust and the Merseyside Adventure Sailing Trust.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/09/02/human-rights-at-sea-sponsors-lisw-2019-propeller-club-event/>

02/09/19

Baseline Study

NEW INDIAN KOLI FISHING COMMUNITY HUMAN RIGHTS BASELINE STUDY PUBLISHED



Reflecting ongoing human rights research work throughout the maritime environment and associated supply chains today Human Rights at Sea publishes their baseline field report for the Koli fishing community who live and work at sea in Mumbai, India.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/09/02/new-koli-fishing-community-human-rights-baseline-study-published/>

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News

CAPTAIN JESSICA TYSON AWARDED MERCHANT NAVY MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE





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Briefing Notes

Former trustee, current Board member of Human Rights at Sea, Sedgemoor District Council's deputy harbour master and Nautilus Council member, Captain Jessica Tyson, has been awarded the Merchant Navy Medal for Meritorious Service.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/09/22/captain-jessica-tyson-awarded-merchant-navy-medal-for-meritorious-service/>

25/09/19

Briefing Note
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR NEW UN OCEANS TREATY



Human Rights at Sea publishes a short independent legal briefing note on proposed amendments to the draft agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction to include International Human Rights Law.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/09/25/international-human-rights-law-proposed-amendments-for-new-un-oceans-treaty/>

OCT 2019

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Internal Publication
HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA PUBLISHES FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

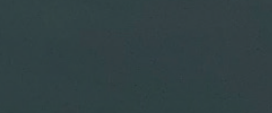


Human Rights at Sea publishes its fifth annual report 'Delivering Impact and Influence' covering the scope and scale of the last reporting period of the charity's activities between 1 June 2018 and 31 May 2019 continuing to assure transparency in all areas of its national and international work.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/10/01/human-rights-at-sea-publishes-fifth-annual-report/>

10/10/19

Briefing Note
WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY: MINDFULNESS FOR THE MARITIME INDUSTRY



During a series of regional State-level outreach engagements, Human Rights at Sea was invited



The 10th October is World Mental Health Day with this year's focus being on suicide prevention. Human Rights at Sea in partnership with author and mental health coach, Gillian Higgins, publishes a briefing note: 'Mindfulness for the Maritime Industry'. A 2019 report identified that seafarers are amongst occupational groups with the highest risk of stress, a factor known to impact on mental health including the tragedy of seafarer suicide which has been highlighted as the 'top cause of seafarer deaths'.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/10/10/world-mental-health-day-mindfulness-for-the-maritime-industry/>

18/10/19

News
INDIAN NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ENGAGES WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA



by the Indian National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to engage in discussions on the future of human rights protections within the Indian Sub-Continent across the Indian regional maritime and business-related space.

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<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/10/18/indian-national-human-rights-commission-engages-with-human-rights-at-sea/>

18/10/19

Baseline Study
LABOUR ABUSE: TAIWANESE FISHERIES HUMAN RIGHTS BASELINE STUDY PUBLISHED



Human Rights at Sea publishes a new baseline study in relation to the Taiwanese coastal and deep water fishing industry responding to ongoing field reporting of systemic human rights abuses for national and migrant crews despite current efforts to curb abuse reflecting international human rights and fisheries standards.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/10/18/labour-abuse-taiwanese-fisheries-human-rights-baseline-study-published/>

22/10/19

News
WORKING TOGETHER. THE HEADLINE OF THE 11TH ICMA WORLD CONFERENCE



Reporting from the city of Kaohsiung, Human Rights at Sea attends the 11th International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA) world conference as a guest civil society NGO alongside the ICMA membership over the period 21-25th October 2019.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/10/22/working-together-the-opening-headline-of-the-icma-world-conference/>

28/10/19

News
TAIWANESE SOCIAL WELFARE NGO WORKING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA



In Taipei, NGO Human Rights at Sea and the Catholic faith-based NGO Rerum Novarum Social Service Centre of the Society of Jesus met to discuss respective work and projects related to victims of human rights abuses and available social services in support of migrant fishermen amongst other peoples and workers.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/10/28/taiwanese-social-welfare-ngo-working-with-human-rights-at-sea/>



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Webinars & Interviews

NOV 2019

04/11/19

News

TAIWANESE EXECUTIVE YUAN EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA



On invitation, Human Rights at Sea met with the Taiwanese Executive Yuan during several rounds of wider meetings last week in the capital Taipei concerning the work of the charity in Asia and the development of the soft-law Geneva Declaration on Human Rights at Sea.

<https://www.humanright-satsea.org/2019/11/04/taiwanese-executive-yuan-expresses-support-for-human-rights-at-sea/>

28/11/19

News / Project

UK FISHERIES SECTOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL WELFARE BASELINE PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY



The first stage of the inaugural UK Fisheries Sector Human Rights and Social Welfare Baseline Project has started as part of new joint work between Human Rights at Sea and The Fishermen's Mission.

<https://www.humanright-satsea.org/2019/11/28/uk-fisheries-sector-human-rights-and-social-welfare-baseline-project-gets-underway/>

DEC 2019

07/12/19

Case Study

LABOUR DISPUTES AND POWER IMBALANCES IN THE TAIWANESE FISHING INDUSTRY



Following recent advocacy work aimed at achieving ongoing improvements in the working conditions and protections for all fishers in the Taiwanese fishing industry, Human Rights at Sea today issues a new evidential case study.

<https://www.humanright-satsea.org/2019/12/07/labour-disputes-and-power-imbalances-in-the-taiwanese-fishing-industry/>

10/12/19

News

GENEVA DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA ON-LINE PLATFORM LAUNCHED ON WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



This is the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and is a key date in the calendar for human rights defenders to profile their valuable, challenging and often dangerous work helping to uphold and develop human rights provisions, policies, effective remedies and standards globally.

<https://www.humanright-satsea.org/2019/12/09/geneva-declaration-on-human-rights-at-sea-on-line-platform-launched-on-world-human-rights-day/>

16/12/19

News

BASEL PARLIAMENTARY GRAND COUNCIL VOTES POSITIVELY FOR GENEVA DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA



Following November's successful vote in Basel, Switzerland, for official recognition and signing of the Geneva Declaration on Human Rights at Sea, the charity is able to highlight the official records relating to the decision which was in favour of the proposed motion to support the charity's work. The Geneva Declaration seeks to raise awareness of the disregard for human rights at sea. The City of Geneva has already signed the Declaration in the spring of 2019.

<https://www.humanright-satsea.org/2019/12/16/basel-parliamentary-grand-council-votes-positively-for-geneva-declaration-on-human-rights-at-sea/>

20/12/19

Interview

SAFETY4SEA INTERVIEWS HRAS ON INDUSTRY AWARENESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA



Human Rights at Sea CEO was interviewed by SAFETY4SEA for their end-of-year Opinion piece covering industry's wider engagement with the concept and development of Human Rights at Sea.

<https://www.humanright-satsea.org/2019/12/20/safety4sea-interviews-hras-on-industry-awareness-of-human-rights-at-sea/>

JAN 2020

02/01/20

Briefing Note

ENDING EXPLOITATIVE RECRUITMENT FEES FOR SEAFARERS AND FISHERS



Human Rights at Sea publishes its briefing note on exploitative recruitment fees in the maritime sector and calls for an end to such burdensome fees for workers in a call to action.

<https://www.humanright-satsea.org/2020/01/02/ending-exploitative-recruitment-fees-for-seafarers-and-fishers/>



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04/02/20

Internal Publication
UK FISHERIES HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL WELFARE BASELINE ASSESSMENT PROJECT UPDATE



Following the SeaFish Ethics Common Language Group meeting at Fishmonger's Hall, London, 28 January, Human Rights at Sea publishes a copy of the presentation given updating delegates on the ongoing UK Fisheries Human Rights and Social Welfare Project which commenced with a Needs Assessment.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/02/04/uk-fisheries-human-rights-and-social-welfare-baseline-assessment-project-update/>

17/02/20

Internal Publication
BULLYING AND HARASSMENT AT SEA: A CLEAR AND PRESENT THREAT TO SEAFARERS



Human Rights at Sea publishes a redacted example of testimony and background facts from a recent case highlighted to the charity and other welfare entities concerning bullying and harassment towards an experienced Indian Chief Engineer by a Turkish Master on Marshall Islands flagged vessel. [NB: It should be noted that the nationalities involved do not themselves exacerbate the core issue of bullying and harassment].

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/02/17/bullying-and-harassment-at-sea-a-clear-and-present-threat-to-seafarers/>

18/02/20

Webinar
MEKONG CLUB AND HRAS COMBINE TO DELIVER RESPONSIBLE RECRUITMENT WEBINAR



The Mekong Club, a leader uniting and mobilising the private sector for a common cause to disrupt and end modern slavery, and Human Rights at Sea, are joining together to present a public webinar: 'International Migration to Malaysia & Taiwan: Challenges and Promising Practises'. This is part of the Mekong Club's series lead on 'Responsible Recruitment & Migrant Workers'.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/02/18/mekong-club-and-hras-combine-to-deliver-responsible-recruitment-webinar/>

MAR 2020

04/03/20

Briefing Note
A CHALLENGING REVIEW OF MARITIME INDUSTRY SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS



Human Rights at Sea issues a new independent briefing note and report on the state of play for the rigorous and effective incorporation of business and human rights policies and practices throughout the shipping industry, including by States.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/03/04/a-challenging-review-of-maritime-industry-support-for-business-and-human-rights/>

08/03/20

News
TAIWAN GOVERNMENT POSITIVELY AND COMPREHENSIVELY RESPONDS TO HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA FISHERIES REPORT

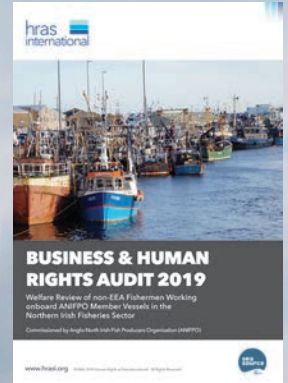


Human Rights at Sea publish the formal Taiwan Government response from the Director General of the Taiwan Fisheries Agency to the charity's October 2019 "Baseline Study on the Awareness and Application of Human Rights in Taiwan's Fishing Industry", as a matter of transparency and reflection of positive State engagement with the organisation.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/03/08/taiwan-government-positively-and-comprehensively-responds-to-human-rights-at-sea-fisheries-report/>

10/03/20

Internal Publication
SOUTH WESTERN FISH PRODUCER ORGANISATION RELEASES 2019 BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS AUDIT



The public release of the inaugural South Western Fish Producer Organisation (SWFPO) Ltd Business and Human Rights Audit dated 10 January 2019 through the Human Rights at Sea independent platform. Commenced in late 2018 and submitted in January 2019, the comprehensive report was commissioned by SWFPO to develop levels of business awareness and standards relating to human rights provisions and protections within their fisheries supply chain

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/03/10/south-western-fish-producer-organisation-releases-2019-business-and-human-rights-audit/>





MAR 2020

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Covid 19
HRAS COVID-19



Subject to official government advice, the charity continues its national and international work focusing on its delivery through remote working, though it will temporarily scale back field research.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/03/15/hras-covid19-update/>

23/03/20
Covid 19 Update
SEAFARERS CALL FOR BETTER SUPPORT, TRANSPARENCY AND INFORMATION ON COVID19 -[UPDATED]



Human Rights at Sea has been deluged with cases of seafarers seeking to highlight their plight after being retained on vessels after sign-off, left ashore in foreign countries unable to return to their families without funds, and not having sufficient information being passed to them due to the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/03/23/seafarers-call-for-better-support-transparency-and-information-on-covid19/>

24/03/20
Internal Publication / White Paper
WHITE PAPER ISSUED FOR INNOVATIVE USE OF ARBITRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON UN INTERNATIONAL DAY



On the UN International Day for the Right to The Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims, the UK-based charity Human Rights at Sea, in partnership with global law firm Shearman & Sterling LLP, is today launching a jointly developed legal project to facilitate the resolution of disputes concerning human rights abuses at sea using international arbitration. The project's principal aim is to provide victims of human rights abuses at sea with access to an effective remedy, while at the same time combating impunity for the perpetrators of such abuses.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/03/24/white-paper-issued-for-innovative-use-of-arbitration-and-human-rights-on-un-international-day/>

25/03/20
Covid 19 Update / Case Study
COVID-19: SOCIAL EXCLUSION FOR RETURNING SEAFARERS STRAINS FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS



Challenges seafarers are facing during the current COVID-19 crisis includes emerging issues relating to unexpected social exclusion when some seafarers return home. With express permission, the charity discloses one of the cases submitted with the request by the VLGC Captain previously under Anglo-Eastern ship management, to share it publicly to highlight the personal issues he has faced following his sign-off. It will also highlight wider issues around the urgent need for better individual awareness in relation to COVID-19.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/03/25/covid-19-social-exclusion-for-returning-seafarers-strains-family-relationships/>



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Op-Ed
COVID-19: FACT SUPPRESSION OR CARELESS UNDER-REPORTING OF SEAFARERS STRUGGLES?



CEO David Hammond shares his thoughts and position from recent evidence presented to the charitable NGO for what appears to be an unexplained under reporting of the detail of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on displaced and abandoned* seafarers (*general 'abandonment' not commercial maritime definition), as well as their suffering families.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/03/29/covid-19-fact-suppression-or-careless-under-reporting-of-seafarers-struggles/>

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News
RIGHTSHIP AND HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA JOIN FORCES TO HELP IMPROVE WELFARE FOR SEAFARERS AROUND THE WORLD



RightShip, the world's leading maritime risk due diligence and environmental assessment organisation, and Human Rights at Sea, have signed a new long-term partnership agreement to help improve seafarer welfare, the organisations have announced today. Under the agreement, RightShip and Human Rights at Sea will partner to continuously raise awareness of implementation and accountability of human rights provisions throughout the maritime environment with local, national and international stakeholders and regulators, and the maritime industry as a whole.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/04/07/rightship-and-human-rights-at-sea-join-forces-to-help-improve-welfare-for-seafarers-around-the-world/>



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Video

INDIAN FISHERMEN STRANDED IN IRAN WITHOUT PAY AND FOOD RUNNING LOW



Human Rights at Sea highlights the plight of up to 1000 Indian fishermen stranded in and around Kish Island, Iran, without work and pay since 24 February, and who were running very short on staple foods which it is reported will only last for several more days. As highlighted in the short video (3:21) supplied to Human Rights at Sea by welfare advocate Mrs. Shaheen Sayyed, the English-speaking spokesperson exposes the plight of hundreds of fishers.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/04/08/video-indian-fishermen-stranded-in-iran-without-pay-and-food-running-low/>

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Op-Ed

HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA HIGHLIGHTS A UK MARINE PILOT'S PERSPECTIVE OF SEAFARERS CHALLENGES



Human Rights at Sea highlights the Port of London Authority marine Pilot, Ms. Ivana Carrioni-Burnett's personal opinion and insight into her recent experiences in UK waters as a newly qualified Pilot in relation to her interactions with seafarers away from their families, including during the COVID-19 crisis.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/04/13/op-ed-a-uk-marine-pilots-perspective-of-seafarers-challenges/>

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News

HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA HIGHLIGHTS TAIWANESE FISHERIES AGENCY ADDRESSING 2019 GREENPEACE FISHERIES SLAVERY REPORT WITH PROSECUTORS



The allegations focused on fishing vessels flying the Vanuatu flag and apparently operated by Taiwanese entities where some crew members alleged that their working environment and working hours were different from those specified in their employment contracts, that their wages were not paid accordingly, and that the vessel masters had committed physical violence onboard the vessels. The Taiwanese Government's active response about human rights abuses at sea has recently also been extended to the fisheries-related reports produced by Human Rights at Sea. This

approach is welcomed and demonstrates improved potential pathways to eventual justice and effective remedy for victims.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/04/13/taiwanese-fisheries-agency-addresses-2019-greenpeace-fisheries-slavery-report-with-prosecutors/>

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Covid 19 Update

HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA SUPPORTS CALLS FOR GREATER ACCESS TO PPE CALLED FOR BY CONCERNED SEAFARERS



Seafarers who have been in direct contact with Human Rights at Sea are increasingly calling for greater levels of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be made more widely available, not just for themselves, but for those maritime workers who come onboard their vessels including surveyors, agents, pilots and stevedores, by way of example. This includes face masks and gloves.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/04/13/greater-access-to-ppe-called-for-by-concerned-seafarers/>

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Report

NEW ZEALAND SEAFARER WELFARE CENTRES LACK GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY SUPPORT



Human Rights at Sea publishes an independent report and case study into the precarious state of the sustainability of welfare support for seafarers visiting New Zealand ports. This is a notable issue that has been challenging welfare providers well before the global Coronavirus pandemic appeared earlier this year.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/04/16/new-zealand-seafarer-welfare-centres-lack-government-and-industry-support/>

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External Presentation

SOCIAL PROTECTION OF FISHERS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE GENEVA DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA



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The development of the Geneva Declaration on Human Rights at Sea has seen its exposure in European Institutions, as well as in European

fisheries forums. Most recently, a presentation given by Ment van der Zwan at the Pelagic Advisory Council (PelAC) at the PelAC meeting (04-03-2020) in Den Haag, The Netherlands, for the Working Group II meeting, opened with the four fundamental principles of the Geneva Declaration as part of the focus on social protection of fishers.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/04/21/social-protection-of-fishers-and-development-of-the-geneva-declaration-on-human-rights-at-sea/>

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COVID 19 UPDATE SEAFARERS CONTINUE TO HIGHLIGHT THEIR WORRIES AND CONCERNS TO HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA



A steady stream of contact from concerned seafarers continues to flow into Human Rights at Sea. In the majority of cases, the issues raised highlight facts and concerns which seafarers feel are being under-reported rendering them invisible and without a voice. Notably, virtually all seafarers who communicate with the charity do not want to be identified due to their worries about retribution for speaking up.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/04/21/seafarers-continue-to-highlight-their-worries-and-concerns-to-human-rights-at-sea/>

Human Rights at Sea

IMPACT REPORT

OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENT WORK IN THE MARITIME ENVIRONMENT KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF YEAR SIX

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SEAFARERS WELFARE BOARD FOR NEW ZEALAND FULLY CONCURS WITH HRAS REPORT



The Seafarers Welfare Board for New Zealand (SWB) commends for reading, reflection and discussion, the recently published report from Human Rights at Sea (HRAS) titled, New Zealand: Under-Funding of Seafarers' Welfare Services and Poor MLC Compliance.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/04/22/seafarers-welfare-board-for-new-zealand-fully-concurs-with-hras-report/>

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Interview

THOME GROUP SPEAKS TO HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA ABOUT PPE FOR SEAFARERS



Following the recent highlighting to Human Rights at Sea (HRAS) of concerns from seafarers about lack of access to, and availability of, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while serving on vessels transiting global shipping lanes, the charitable NGO has engaged with the maritime industry most recently speaking with the Thome Group about their actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This follows recent HRAS articles challenging the PPE issue.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/04/28/thome-group-speaks-to-human-rights-at-sea-about-ppe-for-seafarers/>

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News

RIGHTSHIP ACTS DECISIVELY TO ADDRESS ATTEMPTED MURDER OF TANZANIAN STOWAWAYS



RightShip and industry partner to Human Rights at Sea, responded decisively to the ongoing investigation by the South Africa Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) and local police into the attempted murder of two Tanzanian stowaways by the crew of the Panamanian flagged dry bulk carrier, the MV Top Grace (IMO: 9763875) on the 28 March 2020. Hong Kong-based Fairweather Steamship Co Ltd who manages the fleet of five vessels has had its ratings cut by RightShip and placed on the high risk list in response to the incident.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/05/02/rightship-acts-decisively-to-address-attempted-murder-of-tanzanian-stowaways/>

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INTERNAL PUBLICATION FRENCH VERSION OF NEW HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA ARBITRATION WHITE PAPER PUBLISHED



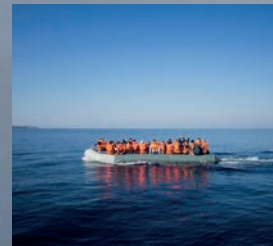
Following the joint launch by Human Rights at Sea and Shearman & Sterling LLP of the inaugural White Paper: 'Arbitration as a Means of Effective Remedy for Human Rights Abuses at Sea' on 24 March, today, the document is published in French to expand global coverage of the project.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/05/10/french-version-of-new-arbitration-white-paper-published/>

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Review

MEDITERRANEAN MIGRANT CRISIS: A REVIEW OF THE EASTER WEEKEND 10-12 APRIL 2020



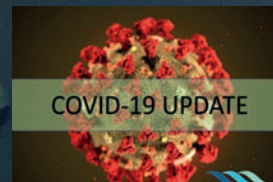
Human Rights at Sea highlights the situation for migrants in Libya remains grave; ongoing hostilities, systematic abuse, disappearances and exploitation have now been compounded by the coronavirus outbreak, further restricting humanitarian access and the flow of information.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/05/11/mediterranean-migrant-crisis-a-review-of-the-easter-weekend-10-12-april-2020/>

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Internal Publication / Case Study

STRANDED IN TUNISIA WITH AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE: A SEAFARERS INSIGHT



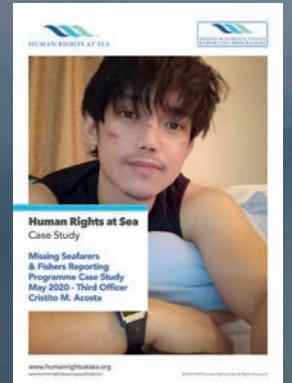
Human Rights at Sea issues an insight from one seafarer who approached the organisation for urgent assistance, and who remains stranded in a foreign State unable to get home while now relying on welfare handouts.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/05/14/stranded-in-tunisia-with-an-uncertain-future-a-seafarers-insight/>

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Internal Publication / Case Study

MISSING TEEKAY OFFICERS FAMILY CASE STUDY PUBLISHED AS INVESTIGATION COMMENCES



Human Rights at Sea today publishes its latest case study and family impact report in the unfolding tragic case of the missing Third Officer Cristito M. Acosta employed by Teekay Shipping who disappeared without trace from onboard the Bahamian flagged MV Jiaolong Spirit, IMO No. 9379208 on 23 April 2020.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/05/19/missing-teekay-officers-family-case-study-published-as-investigation-commences/>



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Webinar
WEBINAR: 24 JUNE - ARBITRATION AS A MEANS OF EFFECTIVE REMEDY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AT SEA



Human Rights at Sea and global law firm Shearman & Sterling LLP announce 'Arbitration as a Means of Effective Remedy for Human Rights Abuses at Sea' Webinar – 24 June 2020 1500 – 1900 CET.
<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/05/24/webinar-24-june-arbitration-as-a-means-of-effective-remedy-for-human-rights-abuses-at-sea/>

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News
GLOBAL ARBITRATION REVIEW ARTICLE ON INNOVATIVE ARBITRATION DEVELOPMENT



Human Rights at Sea with permission, from the Global Arbitration Review journal 'GAR' was allowed to reproduce its recent international article on 5 May 2020 about the development of the new joint development project with the Paris-based arbitration team of

Shearman & Sterling LLP into assessing whether or not arbitration could become an effective remedy for human rights abuses at sea. The first White Paper on the topic has been issued in both English and French, including the first version of a proposed victim-orientated and victim-initiated methodology.

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/05/26/global-arbitration-review-article-on-innovative-arbitration-development/>

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Case Study
SEAFARERS CHALLENGES DURING COVID-19: THE CASE OF MV GULF SKY



Human Rights at Sea was contacted in mid-May by the Master of the MV Gulf Sky (IMO 150377) flying the flag of the Commonwealth of Dominica currently anchored off Port Khor Fakkan Anch, UAE, who

on behalf of the crew, raised serious concerns about the welfare of the seafarers and their financial hardships. Following the Master and crew's request, the Charity conducted an investigation, and in this Case Study reports on the findings as disclosed on a voluntary basis at the time of writing by all stakeholders involved and who have responded to the charity's enquiries.
<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/05/27/seafarers-challenges-during-covid-19-the-case-of-mv-gulf-sky/>

Coverage of Human Rights at Sea work in Year Six



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2. FIJI
3. HONG KONG
4. INDIA
5. PHILIPPINES
6. ITALY
7. GERMANY
8. NETHERLANDS
9. LIBYA
10. NORTHERN IRELAND
11. UAE
12. SWITZERLAND
13. TAIWAN
14. ERITREA
15. VANUATU
16. NEW ZEALAND
17. MARSHAL ISLANDS
18. TANZANIA
19. SOUTH AFRICA
20. PANAMA
21. FRANCE
22. TUNISIA
23. BAHAMAS
24. COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

Seven Countries Visited by Human Rights at Sea in Year Six

- 3 Hong Kong 4 India 10 N. Ireland 11 UAE 12 Switzerland 13 Taiwan 21 France

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 **R**esearch, **A**dvocacy, **I**nvestigation and **L**obbying 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.



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