

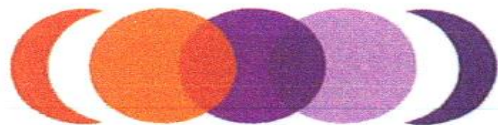
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# Crime and Victim's Rights on Cruise Ships

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# ICV Victims



# History of ICSV

1. Started on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 with four families
2. Now has hundreds of friends and members in over 24 countries in the World
3. Testified at five Congressional hearings starting in December of 2005 in the U.S. and Australia
4. In 2010 was successful in passing the first bill in the world to protect U. S. Passengers
5. Has no paid staff and is run entirely by volunteers



# **International Cruise Victims Association (ICV)**

## **Mission Statement**

**The primary objectives of the International Cruise Victims Organization (ICV) are twofold:**

**To provide support to victims of crimes that occur on cruise ships;**

**To act as an advocate for legislative reform to protect passengers from crimes and increase the rights of victims of crimes that do occur on cruise ships.**

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**ICV in The News**

**International Cruise Victims Association**

International Cruise Victims Association (ICV) represents victims of crime on cruise ships, their families and friends, and individuals concerned about the problems of victimization and disappearances on cruise ships. With several hundred members, the organization advocates for legislative reform to protect passengers from crimes and increase the rights of victims of crimes that do occur on cruise ships, and provides support to victims of crimes occurring on cruise ships.

The goal of the organization is to contribute to growing a cruise industry where passengers and crew members are safe and secure from victimization while on board a cruise ship.

[Television Show and Radio Appearances](#)

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[Data Base Of Crimes Reported To The FBI](#)  
Copies of reports filed from December 2007 through October 2008. Search The Sun-And-Sea Database to see what was reported by each cruise line to the FBI: [Click Here](#)

Several ICV Members and Friends have participated in these interviews, including episodes produced and/or written by the BBC (England), Nine Network - Australia, Park Avenue Magazine - Germany, VI Magazine - Norway and the Canadian TV (CTV). The following BBC, Nine Network-Australia, Park Avenue Germany, VI Magazine-Norway and CTV review the issues concerning the cruise line industry in great detail:

**Feature International Media**

**60 Minutes Australia - Ships of Shame**  
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**SBS Dateline Australia - Lost at Sea: Parents Looking for Answers** [Click Here](#)

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By Ann Wootton, Passenger Ship Technology  
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**Member Stories**

**Pilgrimage to Hell by Charlelaine Lynch**  
Return to yourself? "I never holiday" on a cruise ship. They imagine becoming the victim of a crime. Could the dream turn into any worse nightmare than if you were told to leave the cruise ship, while the perpetrator (a staff member) remained behind...? [Read Here](#)

**Facebook Contest Story**  
How wonderful is winning a Facebook contest for a free cruise? For my 23-year-old daughter, it seemed to be the best she's had in the world. Now, however, we are wondering if something darker might have been involved...? [Read Here](#)

**Teresa Doessel**  
On May 11, 2002, I arrived at Miami International Airport from Australia to start work on a cruise line. At that time, I

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**ICV has participated in Three Congressional Hearings concerning Crimes on Cruise Ships.**

In March of 2006 the group presented a 10-point plan to improve safety. This can be found in our community - [here](#)

**ICV members in Washington to support victims of the Costa Concordia - [here](#)**

**ICV maintains a separate chapter in Australia (which supports both Australia and South East Asia) and Europe. You may email ICV Member for these chapters, through the website.**

**For more information on ICV Australia/ South East Asia [Click Here](#).**

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# A cruise ship is a floating city

Includes all the persons needed to run a city including cooks, laundries, entertainment, merchants, etc with the Captain serving as the Mayor.

What is **missing is any independent police** to protect the passengers and crew.



# Regulatory guidelines set by the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

1. Most of the rules to provide victims justice are voluntary.
2. Enforcement of these requirement are left to the Countries where the cruise lines are flagged such countries as Panama, Bahamas, Malta, etc.
3. This has created a culture where crimes are indeed frequent and not even made public offering the passenger little or no protection.

# What are the Issues of Crimes on Cruise ships?

1. About every two weeks someone goes missing off a cruise ship
2. Published reports indicate that the sexual crime rates are 50% greater than in the average city
3. There are no independent police on a cruise ship with unlimited alcohol being served
4. The ships are flagged in foreign countries to avoid laws
5. Very few convictions of any crimes

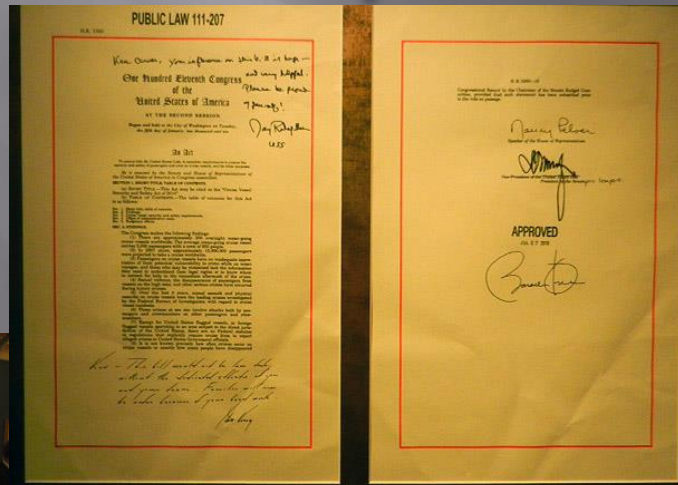
# Cover Up – Standard Procedure

- ▣ In July of 2005, I read a book, "The Devil in the Deep Blue Sea" by Kristoffer Garvin. On page 246 he wrote, *"An examination of sexual cases found a pattern of cover-ups that often began as soon as the crime was reported at sea, in international water where the only police are the ship's security officers."*

# CITIZENS OF THE EU HAVE NO VICTIM RIGHTS ON THE CRUISE SHIPS ON THE HIGH SEA

Crimes are the responsibility of the Flag States which are not equipped or desire to take action to protect the victims of crimes

# In July 2010 President Obama signed and the Cruise Vessel Safety and Security Act enacted to protect U. S. Citizens on cruise ships



# Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act Summary

1. Structural Changes including peep holds, latches, railing height
2. The US has the power to investigate crimes that involve a US citizen in addition to the flag state investigation
3. Provides each US victim with automatic rights to contact FBI and other support organizations
4. A security guide must be distributed to each passenger
5. Statistical compilation of the above reported crimes must be maintained by the US Coast Guard
6. Civil and criminal penalties, including fines and a denial of entry into the US, to be assessed against any vessel in violation of the above provisions.

# In 2012 ICV goes to Europe and Australia





# International Support World Society of Victimology





# Victim Support Europe



# What needs to be done to protect European's on Cruise Ships?

1. Develop an awareness of the problem of crimes and lack of victims rights on cruise ships.
2. Pressure local governments and the EU to take action like the United States has taken.
3. Victims groups need to be represented at the IMO.

# Summary of our Mission

- ▣ Clearly, we are up against a major industry with significant resources. In my opinion however, the voices of victims will ultimately triumph over an industry made up of “foreign corporations” set up as such to avoid taxes and regulations that any corporation would be required to pay and adhere to.

