

# International Cruise Victims



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## **One Reason**

### **Why Legislation is Needed to Protect Cruise Ship Passengers**

(SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON)-October 10, 2013- The International Cruise Victims Association, Inc. (ICV) is an all-volunteer not-for-profit corporation formed by victims and families of victims of cruise ship crime, with membership in 24 countries around the world.

Recently during a full committee hearing of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, on Cruise Ship Passenger Protection, chaired by Senator Jay Rockefeller, the three major cruise lines surprisingly revealed the following regarding the under-reporting of crimes on cruise ships...

As you know, Mr. Chairman, there are those who have taken issue with this limitation so, in the spirit of transparency, the three largest cruise lines – making up over 85 percent of the cruise industry – voluntarily agreed to expand that reporting by posting all allegations in each of the CVSSA categories on our websites, regardless of whether an investigation was opened or closed. We will have this reporting posted on our websites by August 1st and it will date back to the last quarter of 2010 when the CVSSA was passed.

Now, why isn't ICV applauding wildly and congratulating the cruise lines over this voluntary release of their crime statistics? Because the figures being released are prepared by the cruise lines themselves, with an eye toward minimizing the appearance of crimes, rather than an independent entity with full access to all log books and files, with an eye toward full disclosure. The reporting is inconsistent and lacking in detail.

A perspective Carnival cruise line passenger, or a Princess passenger or HAL passenger, for instance, would assume that by visiting their respective website he or



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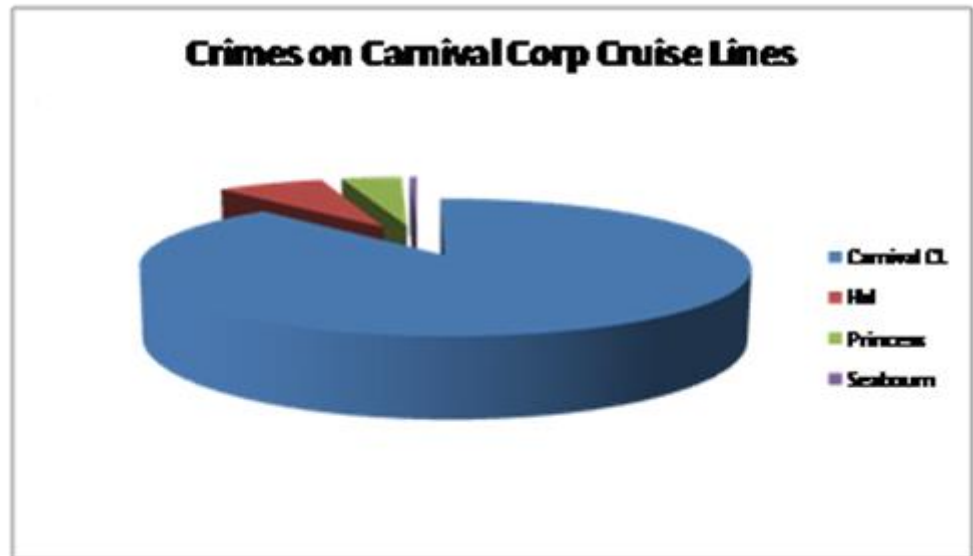


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she could determine the allegations of crimes for their particular cruise line. But they would be wrong, because Carnival Corporation combines their cruise lines (mentioned individually below) in order to dilute the rate of crime on each of their cruise lines. This method is inconsistent with Royal Caribbean's method which is to report member line by line. Now you have misleading statistics.

Carnival Cruise Lines, which makes up less than 47% of the cruise passenger population for Carnival Corporation, lumped all of their crimes into one number so **it is impossible to determine the actual crimes** on any of their particular lines. Why would they report corporate numbers and not the individual cruise lines numbers?

The reason is very clear. It gives the appearance that Carnival Cruise Lines is safer than it actually is. Based upon research done by Dr. Ross Klein, Carnival Cruise Lines makes up less than half the total of the Carnival corporate cruise lines reported but **accounts for 88% of all the Crimes for Carnival Corporation** based on FOIA data for the period covering October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008.



This, self-reporting and /or self-regulating is the very reason that the House and Senate have introduced **The Cruise Passenger Protection Act** (H.R. 2800 and S.1340). **To make sure that the passengers can determine actual alleged crime rates by Cruise Lines and not something misleading.**

In addition to other needs, this legislation will also address the need for all alleged crimes against minors to be made public. According to Senate data, crimes against minors account for 34% of all alleged sexual crimes and yet this is not currently being made known to the public. **Clearly, the public needs to know this important information.**

**Sometime soon, ICV members will be traveling to Washington to promote this important legislation. As we move forward, we will be looking to you for your help by sending out material and suggested letters you can send to your representatives.**

Elsewhere, In a major development to promote ICV in the EU, we are extremely pleased to announce that Captain Michael Lloyd has taken on the responsibility of moving the ICV agenda forward in the EU. He has a distinguished maritime background and has written extensively, including maritime articles, professional papers and his latest book, [Cruise Ships](#) which is available on Amazon.com.



The editor of a major Maritime magazine indicated the following, “**Captain Michael Lloyd is a giant in British shipping. His maritime experience is second to none in the industry, he writes, he consults, he is an authority.**” We believe this addition to our ICV board will be giant move forward .

As the voice of justice for victims of cruise ship crime, we have a long road before us in our work to bring safety to passengers and crew members but we will not grow weary as we are on the right side of this issue. We believe Capt. Lloyd’s contribution will be invaluable as we move forward in the EU.

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Crimes on Carnival Corp Ships, October 1 2007 – September 30, 2008

	CCL	HAL	Princess	Seabourn	Total	% CCL/Total
Simple Assault	9	1	2		12	75
Assault w/ SBI	5		1		6	83
Theft	73	4			77	95
Theft <\$10	3	3			6	50
Sexual Contact	48		2		50	96
Sexual Assault	40	8	2	1	51	80
Sexual Harassment	5		1		6	83
Death	5		1		6	83
Overboard	3				3	100
Drugs						
Other	6				6	100
Total	197	16	9	1	223	88