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September 25, 2013



*Estonia* sank on September 28, 1994, with [852 lives](#) lost.



Only 93 bodies were recovered. The bodies of more than 759 *Estonia* victims were left on the bottom of the

Baltic Sea – in relatively shallow water. Nineteen years later, there still has been no trial in the court in Paris to determine who is responsible for Europe's worst maritime disaster since World War II. The case has been in court in Paris for 17 years without getting to the substantial question of responsibility for the deaths of nearly 1,000 people.

### *Estonia* Relatives Need to Take Urgent Action to Save Paris Process

The M/V *Estonia* survivors and relatives of same or of deceased persons willing that the trial continues should get in touch with the law firm via the email [lex@schmilletlombrez.com](mailto:lex@schmilletlombrez.com) as soon as possible to disclose the necessary documentation for the court.

The relatives of victims of the [Estonia sinking](#) (September 28, 1994) that are claimants in the 17-year-old litigation process in Paris *urgently* need to contact the law firm of Schmill & Lombrez in order to prevent the case from being closed.

Schmill & Lombrez sent a letter dated September 12, 2013, to Helje Kaskel, founding chairman of the *Estonia* Litigation Association, a group of relatives, to inform her that it is “a matter of extreme urgency” that the relatives involved in the process send a copy of:

- their identity card/passport, and;
- the extract from the population register showing their relationship to the deceased.

The lawyers' letter says that this action is required by the court because the defendants (Bureau Veritas and Meyer Shipyard) dispute the legal standing of the claimants to sue and have asked the court to dismiss the case on the grounds that the demands are non-admissible because the *updated* documentation is lacking.

The letter says that the updated information from the relatives must be received before October 14, 2013, after which it says “no action can be taken”. Failure by the relatives to provide these documents will result in the case being closed, according to the letter.

The relatives who are part of the *Estonia* litigation in Paris should send the two documents by registered mail to:

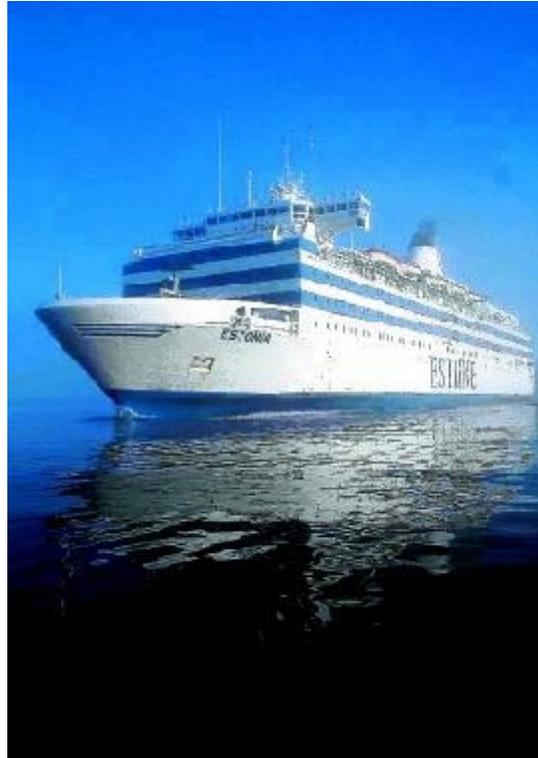
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Helje Kaskel of the *Estonia* Litigation Association can be contacted at:

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## The Sinking of MS Estonia – An Accident or a Crime?



**MS ESTONIA † "852"**

28 september 1994

Forever in our hearts

**In Memoriam**

**Estonia Litigation Association**

[www.elestonia.org](http://www.elestonia.org)

The site was first infected by viruses and then made inaccessible in February 2009. The untold wealth of articles collected since 2004 remain unavailable. Efforts are made to restore the materials.

While Helje restores the site, archives can be accessed at

[www.web.archive.org](http://www.web.archive.org)

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**Articles by Chris Bollyn:**

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**Open Letter to Carl Bildt, Former Prime Minister of Sweden**

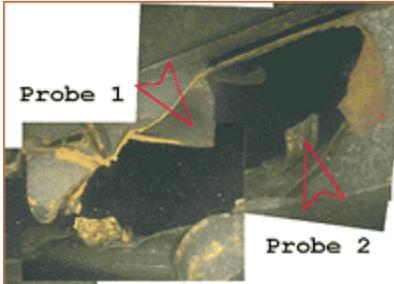
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