



Safer Waves

Summer 2023 Newsletter

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To begin this year, **Safer Waves** have been as busy as ever, fostering new connections and providing their crucial service. Here's a taster of what's been going on:

January - New volunteers begin training

Several new volunteers joined the email support service and conducted initial training. The training with Rape Crisis South London and Papyrus helped provide the skills and knowledge necessary to respond to those in crisis and was a useful refresher for the rest of the organisation.

January - Collaboration with University of Winchester and Devon and Cornwall Police announced

Safer Waves were pleased to [announce](#) a new collaboration aimed at developing greater understanding of the numbers of people who may need support, and develop improved reporting and outcomes.

March - Charity's supervision becomes more educational

As part of the continuous development of the **Safer Waves** volunteer knowledge base, they started a series of training sessions as part of their monthly supervision. These sessions have focused on the history and background of sexual abuse and various aspects of working with trauma.

May - Rollout of country specific fact sheets

In May, **Safer Waves** [published](#) eight comprehensive country specific fact sheets, which include points of contact and what process can be expected when reporting a crime. These fact sheets recognise the complexities involving differing nationalities on board, flag states and the location of the ship when a crime took place.

July - New coalition announced

As part of Maritime Safety Week, a new coalition involving **Safer Waves** was [announced](#). The nine UK based organisations will team up to form a unified voice which will say clearly that there is support for seafarers and seafarers do not, and should not, have to tolerate inappropriate behaviour and toxic leadership when working at sea.

July – Ninth fact sheet published

Our ninth country specific fact sheet was [published](#) in July, with information specific for the Philippines. Follow **Safer Waves** on social media to be the first to know when new fact sheets go live.

Other News

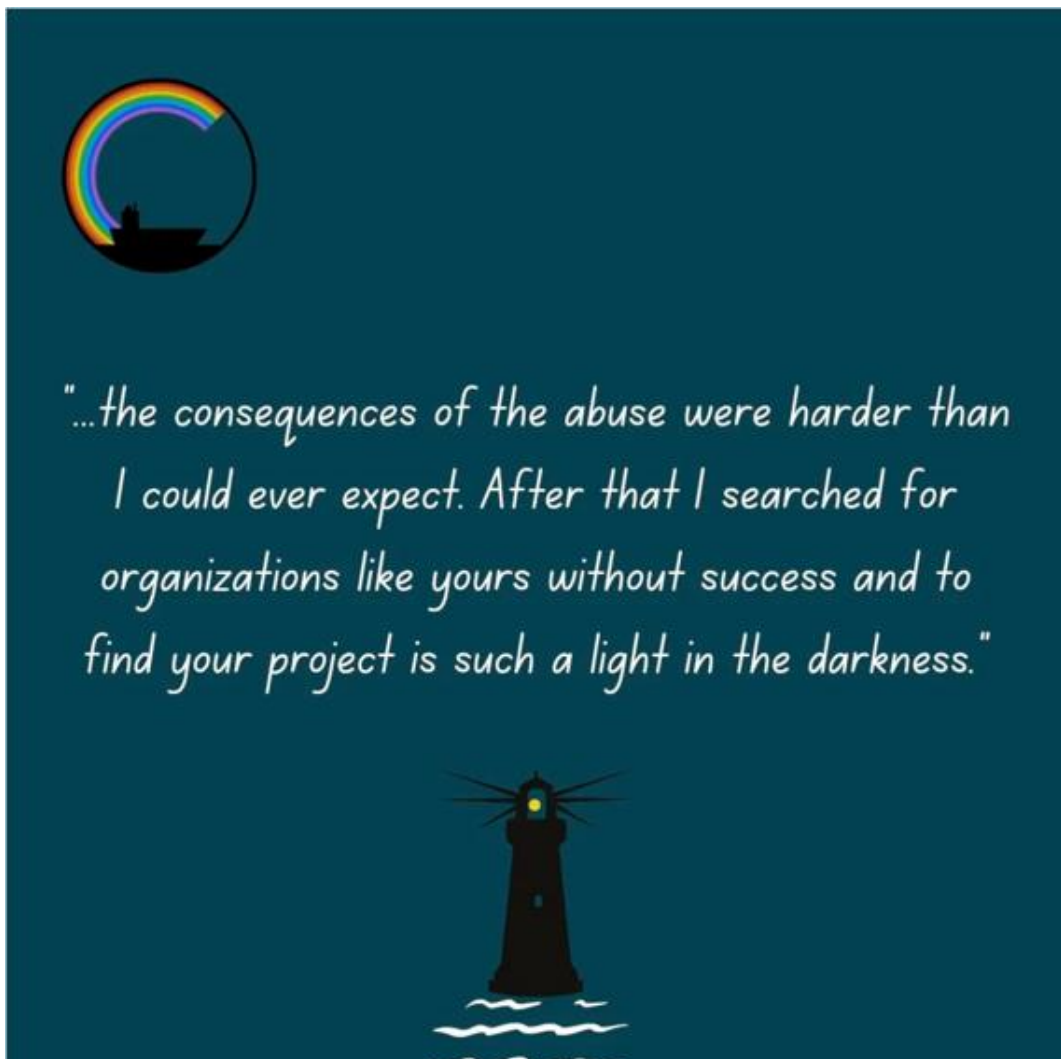
[Stranded at sea: amateur female sailors speak of sexual abuse by captains they met online](#)

[Research on welfare services for women working in the cargo sector](#)

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"...the consequences of the abuse were harder than I could ever expect. After that I searched for organizations like yours without success and to find your project is such a light in the darkness."