

CRIMES AND ACCIDENTS ON THE SEAS – INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL PROBLEM

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*„Going to the seashore, gives the illusion that we are traveling towards perfection”,
.....” leaving a hard and harsh land ”and moving to a” restless carpet that leads to
uncertainty and distance. ”*

(With the greatest inspiration, our Nobel laureate
Ivo Andrić wrote about the sea and sea shores.)

ABSTRACT: *Until today, the worst shipwreck in maritime history is the famous catastrophe of the Roman fleet near Sicily. After the defeat of the Roman army in the battle against Carthage, the Roman fleet with about 400 ships embarked the fugitives. The Carthaginian fleet tried to destroy the remaining part of the defeated Roman forces, but was repulsed in the battle near the African coast, losing 114 warships. The Roman fleet set out to transport its army to Sicily, but the suffering was not over yet, as the hardest blow occurred when the fleet almost reached its destination, sailing along the southern coast of Sicily, when a storm came. The storm was of a hurricane force, the waves hit the ships, breaking masts, sails, oars, and the hulls of the ships were broken and the ships fell apart and sank. At that time, 280 ships sank in the storm, and about 100,000 people disappeared forever in the waves. It was the worst shipwreck in the entire history of shipping.*

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¹ The Navarine Bay, four and a half kilometers long and three kilometers wide, is protected from the open Ionian Sea by the rocky island of Sfaktirija, and the only entrance and exit from the bay is only 1200 meters wide.