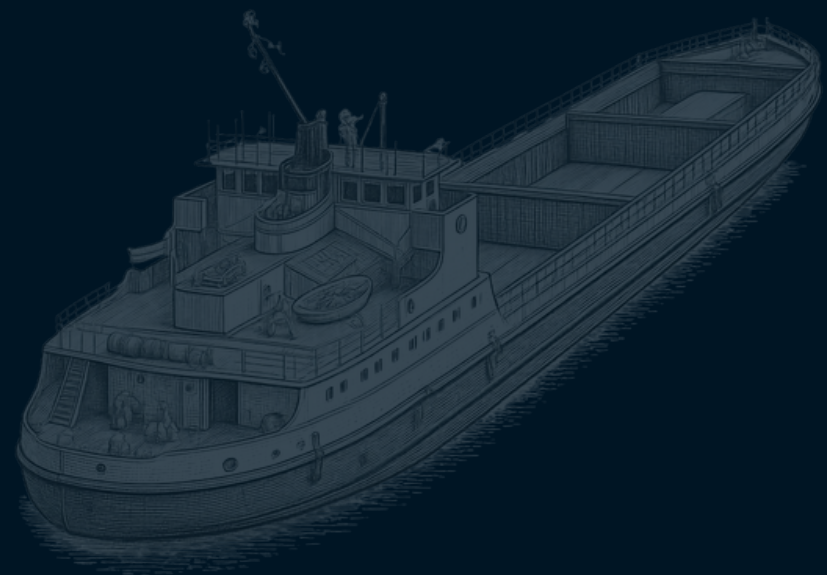


HOW DO DISASTERS DRIVE MARITIME LAW?

TORREY CANYON AND MARPOL



MARCH 1967

TORREY CANYON

As global oil transport rapidly expanded, accidents involving massive quantities of crude oil became increasingly likely.

At the time, the Torrey Canyon disaster was the largest oil spill ever caused by a ship.

The supertanker ran aground off the coast of Cornwall, spilling 120,000 tonnes of crude oil.

**EXPOSING THE COMPLETE ABSENCE OF ANY
INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR
LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION FOR
POLLUTION DAMAGE AT SEA.**

This led to negotiations that produced:

**the International Convention for the Prevention
of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)**

and the Civil Liability Convention

IN 1973





The Exxon Valdez (1989) and Prestige (2002) oil spills drove:

- **Mandatory double-hull requirements
for tankers**
- **Strengthened port state control
regimes**



Building bridges to save lives at sea.

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