



PRESS INVITATION

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## **HM The King and HM The Queen will take part in a ceremony commemorating the victims of the sinking of the M/S Estonia**

**On 28 September, it will be 30 years since the passenger ferry M/S Estonia was wrecked on its voyage from Tallinn to Stockholm.**

In honor of the victims, an official ceremony will take place at the M/S Estonia Monument in Stockholm. HM The King and H.M. The Queen lays a wreath, as well as the Speaker of the Parliament Andreas Norlén, the Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, and representatives of SEA, FAE, E-gruppen and Survivors. Participating in the ceremony will be representatives from several Swedish authorities as well as foreign missions.

**Media are welcome to attend the ceremony.**

**Time:** Saturday 28 September at 15.00.

**Place:** The Memorial Monument, Galärvarvets Cemetery on Djurgården.

Media who wish to attend the ceremony register for accreditation to [lennart.s.nord@telia.com](mailto:lennart.s.nord@telia.com) latest by 2024-09-20.

A detailed program for the ceremony will be forwarded after registration.

### **The memorial ceremony is organized by:**

#### National relatives' association

*The M/S Estonia Victims Foundation and Relatives SEA* focused early on to work for the recovery of the bodies of the deceased, or alternatively a salvage of the ship, in order to achieve a dignified end to the disaster. In this work, SEA has consistently pointed out that the authorities have made major mistakes in dealing with the disaster and have also worked to seek answers to the issue of responsibility.

#### Local relatives' association

*The Association of Relatives of M/S Estonia FAE*, an association for relatives of victims from M/S Estonia who were employed by Lindesberg Municipality.

#### Interest groups

*The M/S Estonia Group E-gruppen* is an informal and non-profit network that was formed in 2000 on the initiative of about ten members of the Swedish parliament from different parties and currently consists of about 40 committed members of society. The purpose is to examine shortcomings in the official accident investigation JAIC and to seek explanations for the rapid sinking process, the damage in the starboard front bulkhead, the lack of seaworthiness and what actually happened to the M/S Estonia.

*Survivors for the Truth about M/S Estonia*, not organized in an association, but works by committed people who have survived the disaster seeking explanations as to why the disaster occurred and answers to ambiguities in various investigations that do not correspond to their observations from the night of the disaster.

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