

# Miles4Justice

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Miles4Justice is a unique sailing project that raises much needed funds for human rights causes around the world. We break records, race the best in the world and sail thousands of miles to raise awareness and fundraise.

Headed by two leading human rights lawyers, Miles4Justice also works with governments, NGOs and corporations to develop long-term solutions to the world's human rights challenges.

Miles4Justice was started by two leading human rights lawyers including a founding member of the International Course of Human Rights. It has grown into an 11-strong sailing team led by a professional skipper who has completed the Whitbread race three times. We are also joined by eight members of the Royal Netherlands Marines Corps' Special Forces Unit who have served on peacekeeping operations around the world.

# The NY400 Challenge

**2 – 8 September 2009:** In benefit of Human Rights Watch, the team will sail 1000 miles of the Northern leg of the original route taken by the explorer Henri Hudson in 1609, on his way from Amsterdam to New York 400 years ago. The team will endeavour to arrive on the same calendar day as Hudson on the 8th September in New York in time for the starting ceremonies of the NY400 celebrations.

Upon arrival, the team will donate a cheque to Human Right Watch. The principle sponsor of this challenge is Rampart's Avenir, North America's largest ecocity.

Between 8 - 13 September, the Miles4Justice team will stay in New York to join the celebrations and sail with special guests, including high profile individuals linked with Human Rights Watch.

Details of the yacht are on the next page.



## THE YACHT

The Yacht is a 24 meter sailing yacht, designed by Sparkman & Stephens and built in 1981 by Nautor's Swan. The yacht is called Melinka.



**LENGTH** 80ft (24.4m)  
**DRAFT** 9ft 0in (2.7m)  
**YEAR BUILT** 1981  
**DESIGNER** S & S  
**BEAM** 19ft (5.8m)  
**REFIT** 2003

**ENGINES** Mercedes Benz 200 HP  
**SPEED** 8kts / 10kts  
**CRUISE/MAX**  
**BUILDER** Nautor's Swan  
**CREW** Captain Forrest Shropshire



### Berth

A berth is reserved from 8-13 September in the following harbour:

North Cove Marina

Dock H, Slip S2

[www.thenorthcove.com](http://www.thenorthcove.com)

VHF 69

## Crew

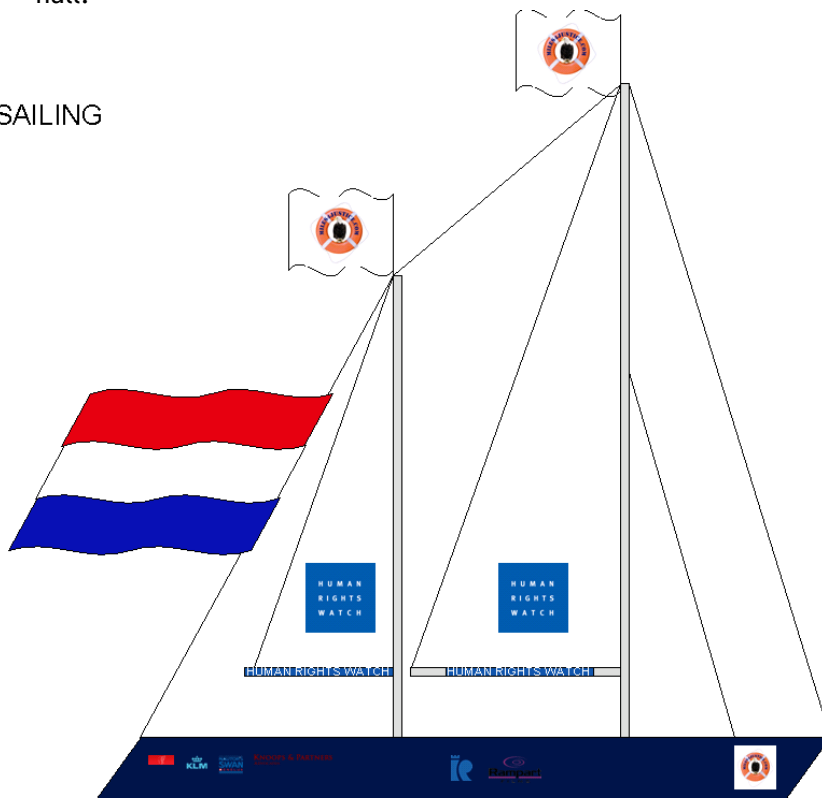
Geertjan Knoops	Skipper
Gideon Messink (va 8 sept)	Team Captain
Marc Brinkman	Marine / watchleader
Jan Willem van der Ham	Marine / sailor
Roel Beckers	Marine / sailor
Ray Rijff	Marine / sailor
Ronald Rier	Marine / sailor
Henri Barelds	Marine / sailor
Richard de Klerk	Film / media
Steve Denault	Film / media
Carry Knoops	Navigation / Organisation - marketing - media - sponsorrng
Anita van Oeveren	Watchleader / Organisation boat - finance - logistics



## BRANDING

The boat will be branded to promote Human Rights Watch and the sponsors names will be on the hull:

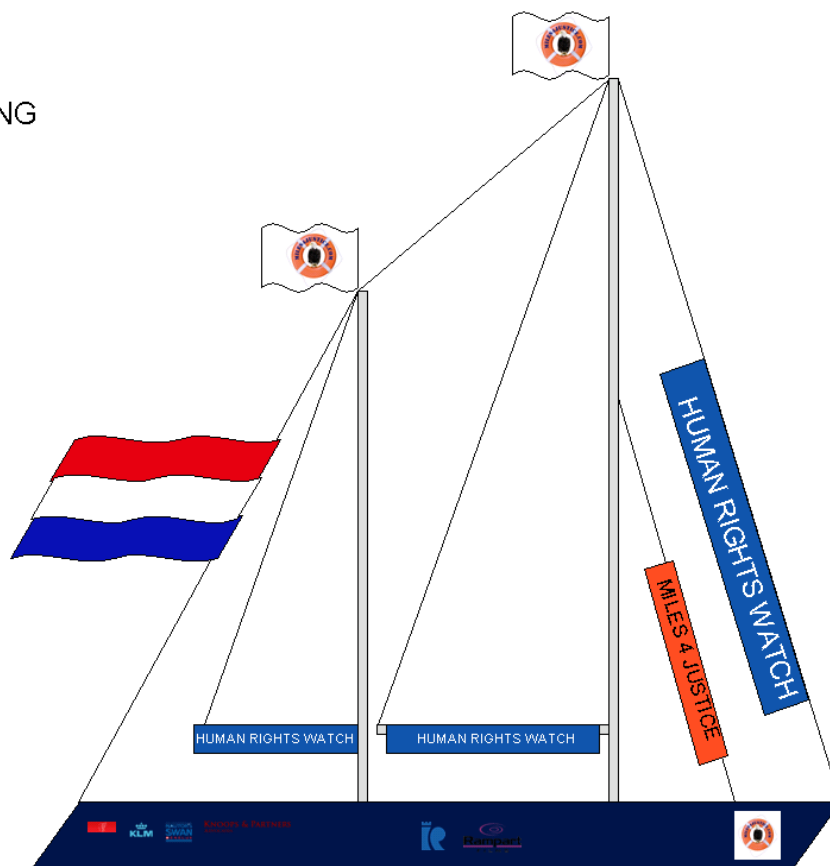
SAILING



Branding when sailing:

- HRW sticker in the Main Sails
- HRW sticker on the boom
- M4J flag on the top
- Stickers of the sponsors on the hull
- Huge Dutch Flag

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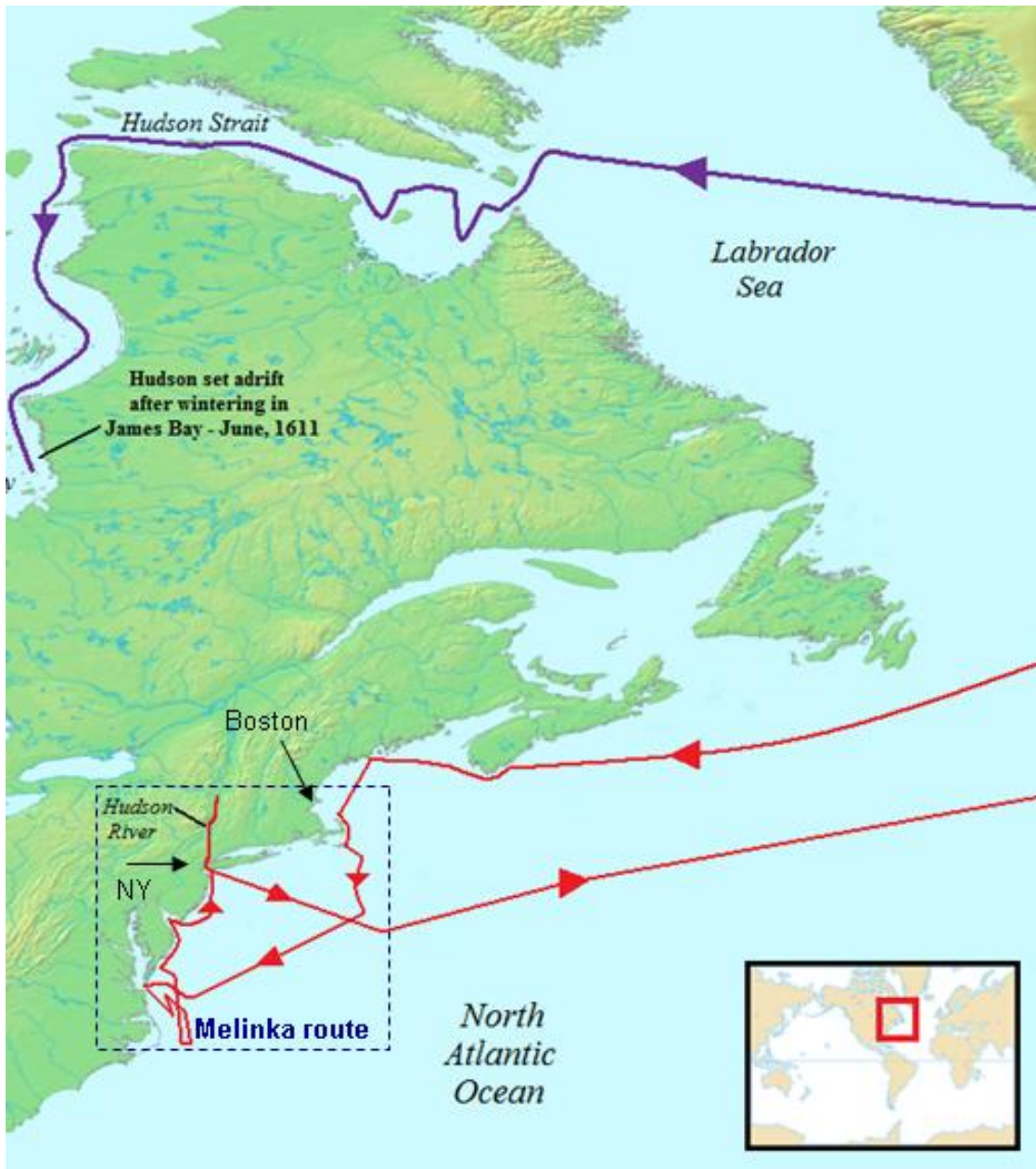


Branding when not sailing:

- HRW on the boom cover
- HRW as a banner in the forestay
- M4J as a banner in the babystay
- M4J flag on the top
- Huge Dutch flag
- Sponsor stickers on the hull

## Details of journey: 1000 miles from Boston - New York

- 2 September: Boarding of Melinka in Boston. Preparing boat for the trip. Leaving the harbour to sail north.
- 3-5 September: Sailing from to Newport RI to complete branding on the boat and the sails
- 6-7 September: Sailing from Newport RI to New York. Anchoring outside.



## Background of the NY400 Celebrations

The celebrations will include NY400 festivals, flotillas and special exhibits in and around NYC's Hudson River, Governor's Island & the historic New Amsterdam district (Downtown Manhattan).

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Orange and Princess Máxima of the Netherlands will participate in the celebrations of NY400 in New York from September 8 till September 13. The week will focus on Dutch Arts, Design, Performing Arts and Architecture, and Dutch expertise in Water Management, Maritime Industries, Finance and Clean Energy.

A symbolic gift representing our united spirit and common future, the 'New Amsterdam Plein and Pavilion' designed by renowned Dutch architect Ben van Berkel, will be presented at Battery Park on September 9. The NY400 celebrations are funded by amongst others the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Henry Hudson Foundation.

- 8 September**     **entering NY with the crew**  
Early morning     Entering the Lower Bay of New York from the Atlantic Ocean
- 8.00                 We will then join the Dutch marine boats of the flotilla which come together at the Veranzano bridge and sail to Manhattan where the small sailingboats of the Dutch Brown fleet will join them as well and than sailing on the Hudson River to the Museum boat The USS INTREPID Air Space and Sea Museum <http://www.earthcam.com/usa/newyork/intrepid/> . **We will moor near the USS Intrepid and the prince and princess will salute the fleet by a 21 gun salute. After this we will sail to the Statue of Liberty.**
- 10.30                 **Right after the opening ceremony we will officially hand over a cheque to the organisation of Human Rights Watch at the pier near the USS Intrepid**
- Time to be decided     In the afternoon, Melinka will moor in North Cove Marina where special guests of Human Rights Watch will welcome the boat and crew. Together we drink health to the sailing trip of Melinka, the crew and the activity's of the Human Rights Watch. M4J will give a speech on the reasons for donating to HRW.
- 9 September**     **Guest sailing Human Rights Watch**  
Sailing with Crew (marines): maximum 6 people  
Sailing without crew (marines): maximum 12 people
- 10.00 - 13.00     Sailing and lunch  
14.00 - 17.00     Sailing and drink with snack
- Evening                 The crew is invited in the Empire State Building where HRW has its office and leading human rights lawyer and Miles4Justice founder Professor GJ Knoops will give a presentation about human rights.
- 10 September**     **Guest Sailing Human Rights Watch**  
Sailing with Crew (marines): maximum 6 people  
Sailing without crew (marines): maximum 12 people
- 10.00 - 13.00     Sailing and lunch  
14.00 - 17.00     Sailing and drink with snack  
19.00 - 22.00     Cruising Manhattan by night
- 11 September**     **Marines + Guest sailing with the children of New York City**  
On behalf of the GROUNDSWELL program  
Sailing with 6 crew (3 marines): maximum 12 children
- 09.00 - 11.00     Shift 1 - 12 children  
12.00 - 14.00     Shift 2 - 12 children  
15.00 - 17.00     Shift 3 - 12 children

**12 September Guest Sailing Miles 4 Justice**

- 11.00 Sailing with special guests of Miles for Justice, starting in North Cove Marina  
14.00 Reception Governors Island for the Dutch Community - anchoring in front of  
Governors Island  
17.00 Sailing to Brooklyn with special guest the Mayor of Amsterdam Mr. Job Cohen and  
mr Boris Dittrich from the human rights organisation Human Rights Watch

In Brooklyn Miles4Justice will donate an amount of money to the organization Groundswell Community Mural Project. for a social wall-painting artistic project. The cheque will be given to the organisation of Groundswell by the Mayor of Amsterdam Job Cohen and Boris Dittrich of human rights organisation Human Rights Watch

**13 September Guest Sailing Miles 4 Justice**



**Harbour day**

The Harbour Day fleet will include a colourful assortment of historic Dutch and American yachts and sailboats, with 20 Dutch flat-bottomed boats, the replicas of the Halve Maen (the Dutch ship that moored on Manhattan in 1609) and Onrust (the first ship to be built in North America, in 1614), Dutch super yachts and naval vessels. All these ships will sail from New York Harbour up the Hudson river, with a spectacular flyover by Dutch F16 fighter jets. There will also be finals of the sailing championships for Flying Dutchman sailboats (see Flying Dutchman sailing race).

- 10.30 - 12.00 1<sup>st</sup> part sailing on the Hudson River  
14.00 - 17.00 2<sup>nd</sup> part sailing on the Hudson River  
17.00 Departure to Holland



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