

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, Julia Hargrave, of 222 Glebe Point Road, Glebe, in the state of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

I have been a Scientologist since the early 1960's and I have been member of the Sea Organization (a religious order within the Church of Scientology) since 1969.

I have read the 4 Corners website regarding the allegations of cruelty and extreme punishments. Specifically:

"In Monday night's program, an early member of the Church's internal religious unit tells Four Corners that in her experience, members of the unit were treated "abominably" when they were punished. She claims that when Scientology's founder L. Ron Hubbard was in self-imposed exile on the high seas, captaining vessels crewed by his own elite band of followers, he ordered extreme forms of punishment to be meted out to anyone who broke the rules.

"People were thrown overboard, hands bound and feet bound and blindfolded. You know, women of 55 years old." (Note: later they were retrieved from the water alive.)

"This culture of cruelty still seems to be a major feature of the organisation. Four Corners talks to former Scientologists who were consigned to a unit they regarded as a punishment camp - but which the church regards as a religious retreat."

I was part of the crew on board the vessel that L. Ron Hubbard was on from 1972 and until 1975, when the vessel was docked and the Flag Service Organization was established on land. During this time I worked closely with Mr. Hubbard every day as did all the crew and students.

During my time on board I did not witness any incidents of punishments, 'extreme' or otherwise. At no time did any 'overboardings' occur during my years onboard that I was aware of.

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Mr. Hubbard showed a lot of care and interest towards his crew and paid a lot of attention to continually increasing the standards on board the ship. There was always plenty of food and the quality was always being improved with Mr. Hubbard even sending many of the crew to be trained in food preparation and cooking aboard commercial cruise liners. In my opinion the working and living conditions were excellent and Mr. Hubbard would always ensure that the crew morale was always high and the activity was a happy and productive one.

In my 41 years in the Sea Organization I never experienced any forms of punishment. Mr. Hubbard did not use punishment drives and it is not part of any Church scriptures or beliefs. Mr. Hubbard was a genuinely kind and compassionate man and cruelty was just not in his nature.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act, 1900.

Declared at Sydney
on this 8th day of March 2010
before me:

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Julio Hargrave

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*A Justice of the Peace in and for
the State of New South Wales
Reg. No. 189057*

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