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“NON-STATE USERS OF THE LAW OF THE SEA”

OUTLINE OF LECTURE

The non-state users are physical and legal persons, groups, companies, associations, and networks whose actions come into the realm of international law or are in need of protection by international rules. Within the framework of the law of the sea, non-state users are mainly the ship and the shipping industry, the classification societies, the seafarers, the fishermen, the international community and the civil society. This lecture addresses the situation of the ship, a perennial user; the shipping industry; non-state users who certify other non-state users' qualities. It stresses the importance of seafarers and fishers as users in need of special international attention. It further invokes the eternal love between the ship and the port; the international community as a user of the oceans: the global commons; and one significant newcomer: the civil society, as well as other non-state users. The lecture concludes with a note on misusers of the law of the sea.