

From the Desk of Kurt Arnold of Arnold & Itkin

TOTE, by seeking protection under the Limited Liability Act of 1851 has been granted a court order restraining prosecution of all lawsuits and claims.

For the families of those lost on the El Faro who have already filed suit, TOTE had decreed that they are immune from prosecution.

For those who have not filed suit, TOTE is telling the families that they have until the week of Christmas to notify TOTE's lawyers that they want to claim damages.

Normally, the families who lost loved ones would have three years to bring their claims. In essence, Totes Limitation Action has shortened that time until just before Christmas.

TOTE has reiterated that -- according to the 164-year-old Limited Liability Act of 1851 -- their liability for the shipping disaster should be capped and limited to \$15,309,00.50.

We will be fighting TOTE and their claim of limited liability. We're going to show that TOTE knew the El Faro was a defective ship that they knowingly sent into the path of a hurricane. And we'll be fighting to expose the Limited Liability act of 1851 as the backward and arcane law that it is.

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Any part of this statement can be quoted and attributed to Kurt Arnold.

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