

ACTIVITY: Sea disaster
CASE: GSAF 1988.10.24
DATE: October 24, 1988

LOCATION: The disaster took place in the Philippines, in the Visayan Sea.

NARRATIVE: On the afternoon of October 24, 1988, while sailing from Manila to Tacloban City the Sulpicio Lines vessel *MV Doña Marilyn* was caught up in Typhoon Unsang and sank. Some 389 people perished, 147 survived. Today the wreckage of the *MV Doña Marilyn* rests five kilometers off Almargo at a depth of 250 feet.

SOURCE: New Straits Times, November 4, 1988, *et al*

NOTE: The *MV Doña Marilyn* was a sister ship of the *MV Doña Paz* which sank a year earlier in the deadliest ever peace-time maritime disaster.

On September 18, 1988, the sinking of Sulpicio Lines *M/V Princess of the Orient* near Fortune Island in Batangas resulted in the deaths of 70 people. Eighty remained missing.

On July 7, 2005, Sulpicio Lines *M/V Princess of the World* caught fire near the Zamboanga peninsula on July 7, 2005. Fortunately all of the 200 passengers were rescued from the burning vessel.

Sulpicio Lines (now Philippine Span Asia Carrier Corporation - PSACC), was notorious for overloading their vessels. The company holds the world record for the highest peacetime death toll of any shipping line of all times.

Shark attack

□ **MANILA:** Vicious sharks feasted on the panic-stricken, terrified passengers of the ill-fated ship, *Dona Marilyn*, which sank on Oct 24 in the Visayan Sea at the height of a powerful typhoon that hit the Philippines last week. — Oana-PNA





SULPICIO Lines will field another air-conditioned vessel on December 2 on its interisland routes. Eusebio Go, Sulpicio vice president and general manager, said that *Doña*

Marilyn will offer service to Catbalogan and Tacloban from Manila every Wednesday and direct service to Tacloban every Sunday.