## FED UP WITH STUPID LAWS ??? BUY YOUR OWN COUNTRY !!!



# About a king that is respected by noone ...



A few thousands miles away from here, on the North Sea, twelve miles from the British coast, there is a tiny country with several citizens. This nation is called the Principality of Sealand and it has its own flag, its emblem, its national anthom, its

currency and its Constitution. The head of the Principality are Roy and Joan Bates, while their son, Michael, is the regency prince and the prime minister. You probably think – what's strange in this description, thus it's nothing, but the average country. As you suppose so, unfortunately you're not right ...

#### What, where and how ??? Basic info on the Principality

The Principality of Sealand is placed on the anti-aviation platform, which surface counts 560 square metres (40x14 metres), and up till now it's not respected by any other country. Despite of this small inconvinience, the self-appointed government of Sealand edits own passports, selling them for \$5700 to every volunteer with such amount of cash, and touristic visas, encouraging new citizens and guests with the pleasant neighbourhood and





The national flag and emblem of Sealand

the truly astounding view on the sea. At the moment, the 'island' is a place of touristic industry – a visa costs \$100, however a one-day accomodation means the cost of \$200. As you feel depressed, and you suppose you deserve greatness, why not becoming a noble? For only \$40 you can choose whether you'd like to become a lord, a lady, a baron or perhaps a baroness of Sealand. Regardless to such a title you'll get another one for free. Moreover, when you're going to retire soon, according to the Internet advertisement you're given a marvellous proposition of ceasing retiring like a king in a comfortable senior community and becoming a real king in Sealand. Another source of incomes in this country are servers located there by a Swedish firm Haven which has already been seeling the space on them for all of those, who want to become under no legal control, like internet casinos, or the Tybetian Banishment Government (particularly for free) with

the exception of childish pornography.



Roy and Joan Bates

## Why should we buy our own country

Even Sealand seems to be absolutely forlorned, even the platform itself is getting terribly rusty, even the only viable inhabitant – regency prince Michael Bates (the Bates' left their kingdom in case of health troubles) visits his kingdom only from time to time, now you have got the astonishing proposition to buy your own country, having useless \$1,000,000,000 (however, prince claims that \$100,000,000 would be enough). That's not a joke, such an offer has been truly exposed in the properties' sale. The first proposition of buying the Principality was given by a Pirate Bay, an illegal platform which wanted to skip the international copyrights by placing its servers in the independent teritory, but finally the transaction failed.

### The breathtaking history of Sealand

During the World War II, the British government built a series of concret platforms to protect British Islands from the Luftwaffe attacks. In 1967 ex-officer Roy Bates entered the last one which hadn't been destroyed before and based on the rules about the deserted ownership and the noone's lands, he proclamated the sovereign Principality of Sealand. Soon, the

British navy, which didn't accepted the virtual independence of the country, was attacked from the platform. That's why Michael came to the court, but as the fight took place on the international sea areas, the trial made clearly no sense. This particular moment was interpreted as acceptation of the independence. Now, British teritorial waters are extended on 12 kilometres and they includes Sealand, nevertheless Britain still don't worry about the problematic quasi-country.



Sealand on a map

#### **Developing sovereignty**

After introducing the official Sealand Constitution, a group of businessmen founded this place as a good one to develope their interests. One of them, professor Alexander Achenbach even became a prime minister, however afterthat, he led a coup, which finally failed and he went under arrest

together with his fellows. The prisoners were released after the international mediations, which Bates understood as the diplomatic contacts and passing the worldwide sovereignty of the country. Although such the interpretation has never been confirmed by anyone, the Principality is celebrating the  $40^{th}$  anniversary of its struggle for liberty. What's interesting, exiled Achenbach founded the Sealand banishment government. Since then, more and more typically national elements aroused in the sovereign state of North Sea. The Sealand dollar connected by a denomination with the American one became the national currency, the anthom was composed by Simonenko, sportsmen were ready to represent the new country (eg. a runner Darren Blackburn). That's why the national motto of the Principality "E Mare Liberates" (The freedom from the sea) has already started becoming truth.