

Campaign Chronology



15th December 2002



Peter and Leni Gillman wrote an article exposing the fundamental concerns of Jean MacColl and Kirsty's friends and family.

This appeared in the Mail on Sunday newspaper.

8 January 2003

Jean appeared on BBC Radio Scotland to talk about the campaign.

2 February 2003

The campaign was featured by Vanessa Thorpe in the Observer.

3 February 2003

Jean appeared on BBC Radio 5 Live

11 February 2003

The Scotsman newspaper had a one page article on the campaign. It was also featured in the London Evening Standard last week.

7 March 2003

The campaign was featured on BBC Television News, London. It was also on the BBC online pages.

17 March 2003

The Guardian website carried the planned coverage of Jean's trip to México.

30 March 2003

Peter & Leni Gillman in the Mail on Sunday covered the verdict, when Cen Yam was finally sentenced in Cozumel, and commented on the derisory nature of his fine and punishment.

31 March 2003

Julian Greenwood wrote a feature on the verdict in México in The Telegraph.

12 October 2003

The campaign profile was again raised by Jean as part of the annual meeting of Kirsty's fans in Soho Square in London, followed by an Elizabeth Mistry feature in The Independent newspaper the following day.

1 April 2004

The Mail on Sunday published another major Gillman piece immediately following the trip, which broke the news that the legal authorities were re-opening the investigation into Kirsty's death. The Times newspaper also carried an article by Elizabeth Mistry about the México trip.

4 April 2004

El Universal carried a feature by Corrie MacLaggan.

2 June 2004

Sport Diver magazine – The magazine of the PADI Diving Society - featured the campaign in its May 2004 edition. The article commenced, "Divers in México could well be better protected following moves to implement tougher rules and regulations after a committed effort from the mother of celebrated singer-songwriter Kirsty MacColl, who was killed by a powerboat while diving with her two sons in Cozumel in December 2000."

"Jean MacColl has had two main points of focus since her daughter's tragic death. One, to seek justice against the person she believes carries the greatest culpability – the owner of the powerboat, Guillermo Gonzalez Nova, the chairman of a large Mexican company. The second being to ensure that a similar accident cannot happen ever again by campaigning for more severe punishment against those who break the rules that have been put in place to protect water users. Incidentally, the powerboat which killed Kirsty was travelling at high speed in a national park which bans such boats."

28 July 2004

The Times carried an updated feature by Karin Goodwin on the progress of the Campaign. The campaign continues to attract media attention with further articles at the BBC, NME, Irish Examiner. Jean has been interviewed on BBC London News.

29 July 2004

The campaign was featured on Reuters, Yahoo and the Malaysia Star.

30 July 2004

The Croydon Guardian

31 July 2004

Alix Kirsta provided a major article in the Telegraph, with further coverage in the Times, Sky News, the Express and the Daily Record.

21 December 2005

The campaign website was featured as "Site of the Day" by the Mirror newspaper.

7 January 2006

Cyber Divers News Network featured the campaign.

6 January 2006

"The Mexican government promise justice" claimed a syndicated article on Bono's plea during a U2 concert in Monterrey. Reuters also picked up on Bono's involvement as U2's tour visited Mexico.

23 February 2006

Dive Magazine publicised the campaign, again with Bono featured.

23 December 2007

Olga Craig's article in the Sunday Telegraph pointed out that the inquiry into Kirsty's death "would be reopened after being quietly shelved a few months ago" and that new subpoenas are to be served by January 15 on two witnesses to the incident.

2008-2009

Most of the campaign activity was carried on out of the public eye, in the hands of lawyers and government officials, so publically available news was sparse.

5 December 2009

The campaign committee issued an announcement that the campaign was to end with immediate effect, full details are available on the Justice for Kirsty page at www.kirstymaccoll.com