Death At Sea

- On British ships the Ship’s Master (Captain) must record all facts in the ship’s log.
- These facts are reported on arrival in any UK port to the Registrar General of Shipping & Seamen in Cardiff who has responsibility for registering the death.
- The Coroner in the area where the ship will dock must be informed.
- The body will then be in the care of that Coroner.

Unless the Master decides that the body should be disposed of immediately (at sea) for health reasons - but now uncommon as refrigeration available.

- Procedure then as for deaths abroad - a “Certificate of no liability to register” issued in sub-district where disposal taking place.