

# UKMTO

## Weekly Report

### 23 - 29 Sep 17

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## Command Overview

1. This week UKMTO issued three Advisories 002/SEP/2017, 003/SEP/2017 and 004/SEP/2017 with an update to 003/SEP/2017, see page 3 for details.
2. Advisory 003/SEP/2017 refers to an attack on a UAE flagged tanker off the coast of Yemen. The attack took place close to the port of Nishtun and is reminiscent of a similar attack on 14 April 17 in the same area. It is thought that this event is unlikely to be linked to piracy and while not confirmed, local Militia were thought to be responsible for the April attack though their motive remains unclear. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area.
3. The SW Monsoon emanating from the Somali coast into the Arabian Sea has now fully abated resulting in reduced wind speed and wave height throughout the region. Vessels transiting the Voluntary Reporting Area can expect to see an increase in small boat activity as local fishing fleets return to sea.
4. In the Gulf of Aden (GOA) the Puntland Maritime Police Force intercepted a boat travelling from Yemen to the Somali port of Bassaso. The vessel was found laden with weapons which it is thought were destined for the Al Shabab militant group although links to Pirate Action Groups cannot be ruled out (a).
5. The multi-national approach to maintaining Maritime Security in the region was recently illustrated as Serbian marines were deployed to protect the World Food Programme vessel Esbjerg and a Russian warship provided escort for an Indian tanker in the IRTC (b + c).
6. US Navy Adm Michelle Howard who planned the mission to rescue Capt Richard Phillips from Somali pirates in 2009, announced she is to retire (d).
7. Open Source Media Articles of interest. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting:
  - a. 23 Sept - 'Somalia's Puntland region captures weapons-laden boat from Yemen'. (Reuters): <http://reut.rs/2hotlGW>
  - b. 25 Sept - 'Serbian marines protect World Food Programme vessel'. (EUNAVFOR): <http://bit.ly/2yfDLja>
  - c. 25 Sept - 'Large Russian ASW ship Vice Admiral Kulakov provides security for Indian tanker in the GOA'. (PortNews): <http://bit.ly/2fYCu5c>
  - d. 26 Sept - 'US Navy's first 4- Star Admiral set to retire'. (Military.com): <http://bit.ly/2xF4aGp>



**ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED**

- (1) **Attacked**  
No incidents to report.
- (2) **Boarded**  
No incidents to report.
- (3) **Hijacked**  
No confirmed incidents

**Vessels & persons under pirate control**

Details of Vessel	No. Vessels held	No. Souls held	Date Taken
Merchant Vessels	0		
Dhows/Fishing Vessels	0	0	0
Dhow		8	26/03/15
Total	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Date	Event	Location
21-22 Nov 17	SHADE	Bahrain
30 Nov 17	MIEVOM	Dubai

**LIAISON AND VISITS**

28 Sep 17 – Capt S Asquith MA OBE, DUKMCC.

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**ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)  
[MSCHOA](#)  
[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)  
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)  
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)  
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)  
[www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI](http://www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI)  
[www.ukmto.org](http://www.ukmto.org)

**SHIPS BRIEFED**

Date	Location	Vessel
25/09/2017	JEBEL ALI	STAR DANAI
25/09/2017	JEBEL ALI	GRAND ACE 5
25/09/2017	JEBEL ALI	RICKMERS DALIAN
26/09/2017	JEBEL ALI	EVELYN MAERSK
26/09/2017	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK YAMUNA
26/09/2017	JEBEL ALI	OCEAN FLOWER
28/09/2017	JEBEL ALI	CHEMSTAR JEWEL
28/09/2017	JEBEL ALI	POLO
28/09/2017	JEBEL ALI	JIN BO
29/09/2017	JEBEL ALI	STI BERYL
29/09/2017	JEBEL ALI	ER AMSTERDAM
29/09/2017	JEBEL ALI	UACC SHAMS

**WARNINS**

No warnings issued this week.

**ADVISORIES****002/SEP/2017**

**Category:** Sighting.

**Description:** At 260700ZSEP17 in posn 1208N 04415E (between Bab el Mandeb and IRTC Point A), a Merchant Vessel reported sighting five skiffs with four POB, one skiff came within one cable. Armed Guards showed weapons and skiff changed direction. Vessel is SAFE. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area.

**003/SEP/2017**

**Category:** Possible Attack

**Description:** Reported to UKMTO via email at 1236UTC on 28 September 2017 that a report on VHF CH16 had been heard from a MT stating she was under attack in posn:1557N 05229E. Report has been received from 2 separate sources. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area.

**003/SEP/2107 Update**

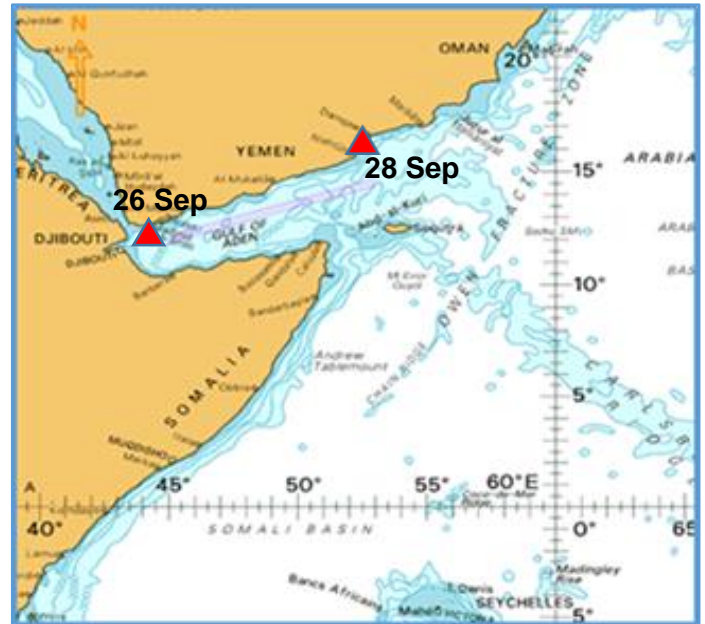
**Category:** Attack

**Description:** Previously reported Possible Attack now confirmed in position: 1553N 05220E. MT attacked by 1 small boat with 5-6 POB, shots fired. UKMTO has spoken to MT and she confirmed VESSEL AND CREW ARE SAFE and proceeding to next port. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area.

**004/SEP/2017**

**Category:** Robbery

**Description:** At 1524UTC on 28 September 2017 in position: 0646.66S 03921.40E (Dar Es Salaam anchorage) 5 Armed Robbers boarded an MV and tied up a crew member before stealing a VHF radio and various items of cargo. Crew and Vessel SAFE. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area.

**NOTES**

Any queries regarding these Advisory Notices ring:  
0044 2392 222060 only, for further information.

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