

UKMTO

Weekly Report

2 - 8 Dec 17

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Command Overview

1. This week UKMTO issued one warning, one update and no advisories, see page 3 for details.
2. UKMTO Warning 001/DEC/2017 was issued after a sailing yacht was attacked 20 nm south west of the Yemeni port of Hodeidah. Subsequent enquiries revealed that one of a group of three catamarans on route to the Seychelles had experienced damage to its mainsail and decided to effect repairs in Hodeidah. After the group left the port area they were approached by two skiffs with armed personnel on-board who fired shots at one of the catamarans. The yacht's embarked AST exchanged shots with the skiffs, which then withdrew. The crew were unharmed and the vessels continued their passage. It is thought that this incident is unlikely to be piracy related and most likely linked to the Yemen conflict and in particular the unstable situation around the port of Hodeidah.
3. This incident does serve as a timely reminder to vessel operators of the dangers to all types of ships operating in the littoral waters off Yemen Red Sea ports. After discussion with the yacht's operations manager it was apparent that the yacht's crews had not been adequately briefed of the threat posed to them in that area and that they had not registered their transit with UKMTO or MSCHOA.
4. Continuing the same theme, the threat to shipping in the Southern Red Sea from spill over of the Yemen conflict was further highlighted in the release of a combined CMF/EUNAVFOR Threat Bulletin after a possible naval mine was washed ashore 25 nm North of Hodeidah (see page 4 and 5).
5. The UK Hydrographic Office announced this week that a new version of chart Q6099 incorporating the new Maritime Security Transit Corridor is scheduled for release on 28 Dec 17.
6. Open Source Media Articles of interest. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting:
 - a. 4 Dec 17- Somalia Signs Jeddah Amendment on Illicit Maritime Activity (Maritime Executive): <http://bit.ly/2iHjLMA>
 - b. 6 Dec 17 - Operation Atalanta's Italian Force Commander Completes Successful Counter-Piracy Mission: <http://bit.ly/2yQQYOm>
 - c. 8 Dec 17 - 'European Union Naval Force Marks 9 Years Fighting Pirates Off Somalia' (gCaptain): <http://bit.ly/2C10SfZ>



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ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED

- (1) **Attacked**
One incident 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	0	8	

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
17/18 Apr 18	SHADE	Bahrain
22 Apr 18	MIEVOM	Dubai

LIAISON AND VISITS

No visits or visitors this week.

Should anyone wish to visit our office in Dubai please contact Lt Cdr Beaton E-mail: dubai-oic@ukmto.org

ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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

SHIPS BRIEFED

Date	Location	Vessel
03/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	GRAND ACE9
03/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	MERSINI
04/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	ABU AL ABYAD
04/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	SUMMER PLOEG
04/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC ALTAIR
04/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	SEA LION
04/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	TIAN QI
04/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	JIA RUN
04/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	ORCHARD QUAY
05/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	HIGH POWER
05/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC TASMANIA
05/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	ESTELLE MAERSK
05/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	XPRESS SUEZ
05/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	KIMOLOS WARRIOR
06/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	UNISPIRIT
06/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	GRACE
06/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	OCEAN PRIDE
06/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	TRANSOCEAN
07/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC EVA
07/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	OCEAN COSMOS
08/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	BW DANUBE
08/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	LACERTA
08/12/2017	JEBEL ALI	DA ZI YUN

WARNINGS

001/DEC/2017

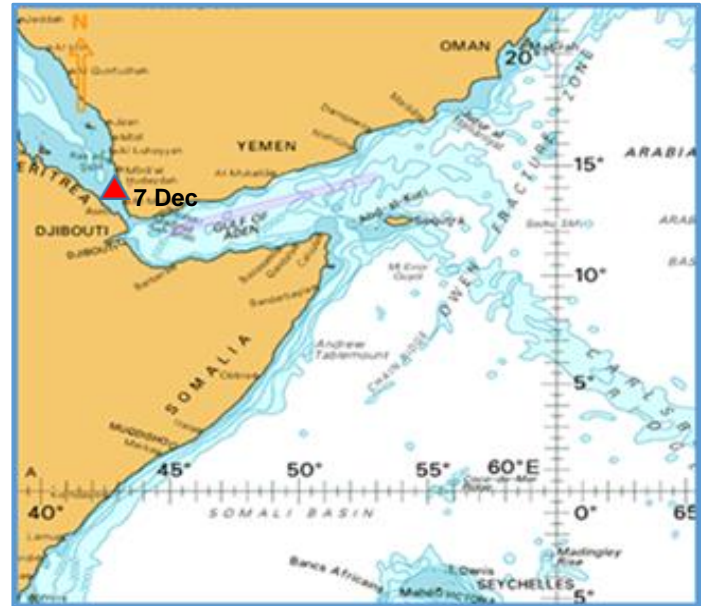
Category: Attack.

Description: On 07 DEC 2017 at 1830 UTC. Vessel reported being attacked by 2 Armed Skiffs in POSN 14-32.5N 042-47.3E (20nms South West of Hodeidah). Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

001/DEC/2017 - UPDATE

Category: Attack.

Description: On 07 DEC 2017 at 1830 UTC. POSN 14-32.5N 042-47.3E (20nms South West of Hodeidah). Incident now complete. Vessel and crew are safe. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.



ADVISORIES

No advisories issued this week.

NOTES

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

THESE ADVISORIES are **not** classified as a Maritime Security Events and have **not** been verified by UKMTO. This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin (IRTB) 001 (to IRTA 1 Dec 17)**Issued: 6 Dec 17**

This Threat Assessment has been released to the Shipping Industry in confidence. It should not be disseminated further without permission.

1. Foreword. This IRTB has been written by Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) and EU NAVFOR. It is intended to inform risk management decision making for shipping operators responsible for merchant vessels that are transiting through the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden (GoA), Gulf of Oman (GoO) and the Western Indian Ocean. The publication of the associated Industry Releasable Threat Assessment (IRTA) necessarily requires a data/information cut-off date approximately two weeks ahead of its issue. As a result, and reflecting the dynamic nature of the operating environment, specific events require a more agile update process. Such incidents will be covered by interim updates to the IRTA termed Industry Releasable Threat Bulletins (IRTB) and identified by a serial number, reference to the IRTA to which they correspond, and the date of issue. The information contained in these bulletins will be incorporated into the IRTA at the next issue.

2. Incident/identifier. Threat from mines in the Southern Red Sea (SRS).

3. Date/time. 5 Dec 17.

4. Location. Ras Issa Peninsular (~25nm north of Al Hudaydah), SRS.

5. Description. Possible naval mine that has drifted ashore.

6. Outcome. Investigation ongoing.

7. Follow up. CMF will continue to work with military partners with respect to all Maritime Security threats to the free flow of international maritime trade through the region and provide updates accordingly.

8. Recommendations.

a. Maritime Transit Security Corridor (MSTC). Merchant mariners are reminded of the assessment at para 6 of the latest IRTA (released 1 Dec 17): "We assess that within the Maritime Security Transit Corridor (MSTC) the threat from naval mines is low". This judgment remains extant.

b. Traffic routing. Noting that the position of the possible mine is on the eastern side of the Red Sea, as was the incident involving a Yemeni Coastguard vessel reportedly impacting a mine 10 Mar 17 in the vicinity of Mocha-a-Yemeni (para 22 IRTA refers), transiting to the western side of the Hanish Islands north or south bound (in accordance with the MSTC) is still recommended.

c. Reiteration of assessment in latest IRTA. All industry and military partners are reminded that the latest IRTA more fully describes the threat posed from naval mines - predominantly in the SRS (see IRTA released 1 Dec 17 paras 6 and 22).

9. Publication and feedback.

a. Prepared on behalf of CMF and EUNAVFOR.

- b. Distributed by the Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSC HoA).
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