

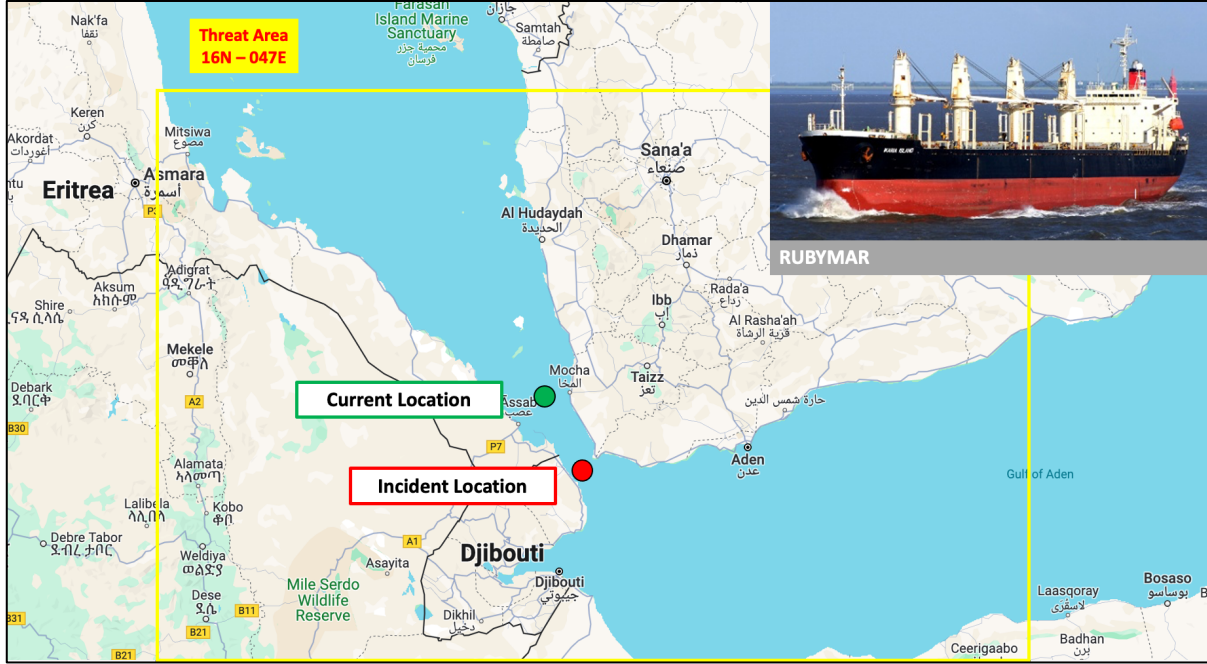


**JMIC INFONOTE 29/02/01 – INFORMATION UPDATE ON BELIZE-FLAGGED CARGO VESSEL, RUBYMAR**

**INFORMATION UPDATE**

1. There was a missile attack on Belize-flagged Cargo Vessel, RUBYMAR (IMO: 9138898), while the vessel was transiting southern Red Sea at approximately 35nm S off Al Mukha, Yemen on 18 Feb 24 at 20:00 (UTC). (See **Picture 1** for incident location). While the crew had been successfully rescued by LOBIVIA on 19 Feb 24, the vessel (RUBYMAR) had been abandoned, and left floating and drifting in vicinity of the incident location since 19 Feb 24.

Picture 1: Incident Location



2. JMIC received information on 29 Feb 24 at 12:00 (UTC) that RUBYMAR remains afloat and drifting SE. The vessel is unlit, last located **13 20.8N 042 57.6E**.

**INDUSTRY GUIDANCE**

3. The southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden from 16N to 047E remain a threat area based on the Houthis ability to attack vessels with various capabilities. The threat remains focused on vessels with an Israeli, United States or United



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Kingdom association. Assurance to maritime industry and the free flow of commerce remains a top priority. Defensive coalition strikes have been executed to reduce Houthis attack capabilities. JMIC recommends that vessels operating in the Red Sea, BAM and Gulf of Aden exercise caution, conduct a risk assessment, review security measures, and incorporate appropriate protective measures into their vessel security plans. Vessels should ensure AIS is transmitting (except when the ship master believes that continuing to operate AIS might compromise safety and security of the vessel) consistent with provisions of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and monitor VHF Channel 16.

4. Vessels are advised to transit with caution, and share sightings of suspicious activity (including that of UAV sightings) in the area with UKMTO.

### **Additional Resources on Incident:**

UKMTO Reporting Visit: <https://www.ukmto.org>

Email: [watchkeepers@ukmto.org](mailto:watchkeepers@ukmto.org)

Emergency Tel: +44 (0)2392 222060

### **Additional Resources on Industry Guidance:**

BMP 5 – Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea:

<https://www.ics-shipping.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/bmp5-hi-res-min.pdf>

ATP – 02.1 NCAGS Guide to Owners, Operators, Masters and Officers:

[https://shipping.nato.int/systems/file\\_download.ashx?pg=692&ver=2](https://shipping.nato.int/systems/file_download.ashx?pg=692&ver=2)