

Joint Maritime Information Center

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Strait of Hormuz Freedom of Navigation

Area of Concern:
Strait of Hormuz

JMIC# 013 - 26

Regional Threat Level: **SEVERE**

1. Transit of the Strait of Hormuz

JMIC is sharing information on the following page for the awareness of owners, operators, and Mariners. Specifically, it reiterates available procedures for transiting the Strait of Hormuz (SoH) (further U.S. NAVCENT information appended below).

The maritime security threat level in the SoH remains **SEVERE**. **Notwithstanding recent unprovoked attacks on merchant vessels, mariners are reminded that the southern route of the SoH has been expanded and remains available for all traffic.** Mariners should expect VHF hailing from naval forces and be cognizant of the mine danger area in the traditional traffic separation scheme published in JMIC Advisory 011-26.

-- Mariners are strongly encouraged to maintain engagement with NCAGS and utilize established reporting and coordination procedures.

-- Coordination with NCAGS is not mandatory. Ships may transit the southern route without coordination.

-- Additional routes are also available but are not protected.

-- There is no controlling authority regulating passage or fee required for any route.

Action: Vessels are encouraged to communicate with NAVCENT NCAGS m-ba-navcent-ncags@us.navy.mil for information regarding safe transit routes.

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U.S. FORCES COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION

No nation has the authority to close or control the Strait of Hormuz. U.S. forces are fully prepared to deter threats, defend freedom of navigation, and respond decisively to any attempt to disrupt lawful transit through the Strait.
