

Joint Maritime Information Center

JMIC Advisory Note: 014-26 | July 12, 2026

Strait of Hormuz Southern Route Remains Available

Area of Concern:
Strait of Hormuz

JMIC# 014 - 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 routes for transiting the Strait of Hormuz (SoH) **in response to Iranian proclamations** (additional U.S. NAVCENT information appended below).

The maritime security threat level in the SoH remains **SEVERE**. **Despite the July 12, 2026 Iranian proclamation that the SoH is closed, the southern route remains available** and has been expanded to accommodate two-way 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 reminded** that they 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.

-- 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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Strait of Hormuz Freedom of Navigation

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U.S. FORCES COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION

The Strait of Hormuz is an international waterway and is not subject to coercion or control by any single nation. **Despite Iran's claims that the Strait is closed**, U.S. forces are prepared to maintain freedom of navigation and safeguard lawful commerce in accordance with international law. **The southern route of the Strait remains open.**
