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Executive Summary

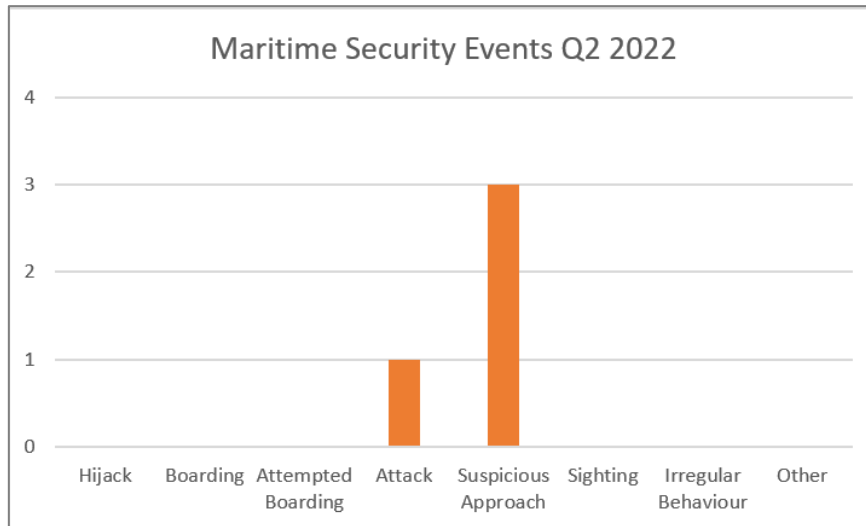
UKMTO issued 4 maritime security alerts relating to four events within the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA) during Q2 2022, compared to 5 alerts during Q2 2021.

UKMTO reporting rates remain steady at around 94% of traffic within the VRA.

Of the four maritime security events recorded by UKMTO three were suspicious approaches by unknown vessels, and one was an attack by perpetrators unknown in the vicinity of the Hanish Islands, South West of Hodeidah (see UKMTO Maritime Security Definitions).

Maritime Security Events

During the period 1 Apr 22 to 30 Jun 22 UKMTO received information relating to four maritime security events within the UKMTO Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA).



Of the four maritime security events reported to UKMTO in Q2 2022, three related to reports of suspicious approaches where one or more small craft approached merchant vessels to within 1nm before vacating the area (UKMTO Advisories 001/05/22, 002/05/22 and 001/06/22 refer).



UKMTO Warning 001/05/22 related to an attack by three small craft in the vicinity of the Hadish Islands, south west of Hodeidah. Rocket propelled grenades were sighted and small arms fire was directed at a sailing vessel, crew were reported safe and the perpetrators remain unknown.

Piracy is widely described as suppressed but not eradicated within the region. It is strongly recommended that all vessels within the UKMTO VRA adhere to the guidance within Best Management Practice Edition 5 (BMP5), reporting maritime security events and suspicious activity to UKMTO.

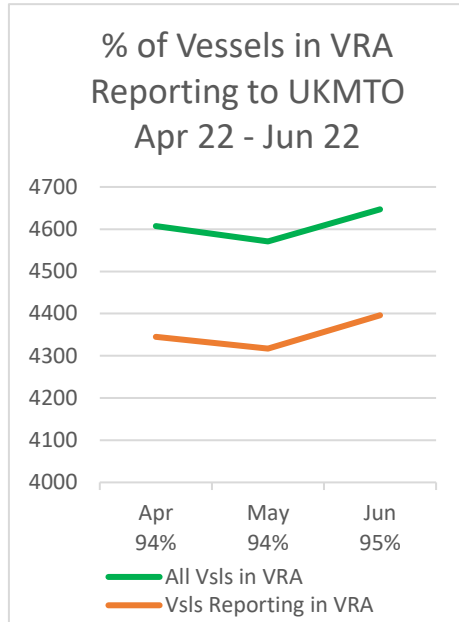
UKMTO Maritime Security Alerts

Warnings	Definition	Details	Vessel Type
W/001/05/22	Attack	Report of attack ivo Hadish Islands, south west of Hodeidah. 3 small craft with RPG visible, small arms fire directed at sailing vessel, crew safe.	Sailing Vessel

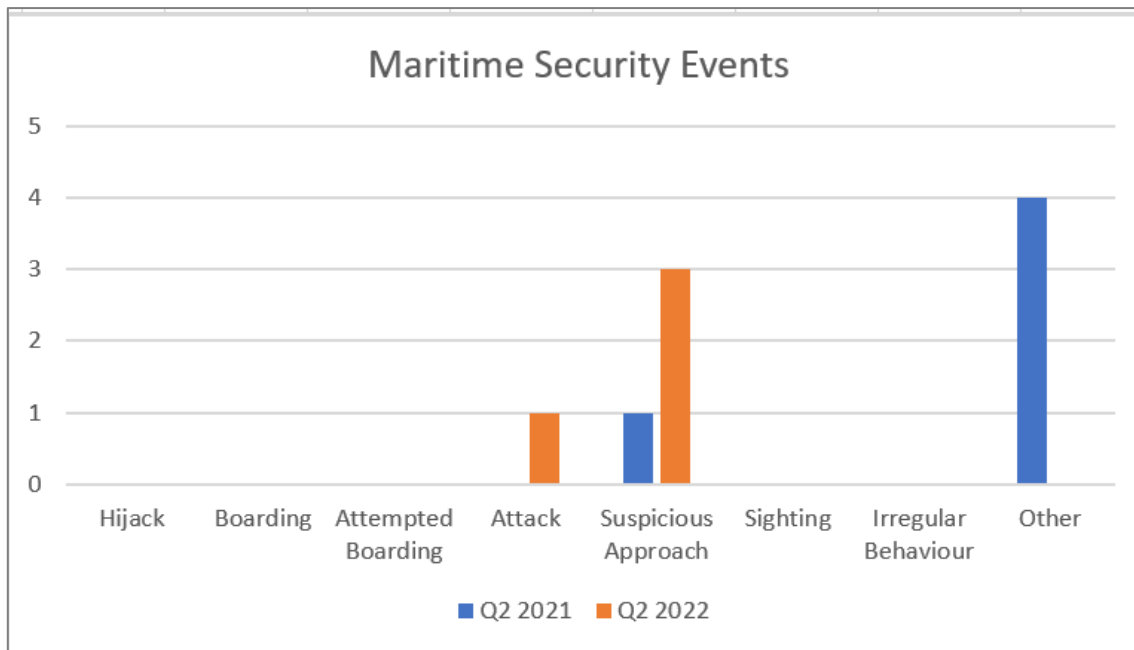
Advisories	Definition	Details	Vessel Type
A/001/05/22	Suspicious Approach	Approach to within 0.5nm by 2 small craft with 4 POB embarked. Larger craft and third small craft sighted in the vicinity. MV increased speed and suspicious craft departed the area. Vessel and crew safe.	Vehicle Carrier
A/002/05/22	Suspicious Approach	Two small craft approached to within 1nm. Vessel and crew safe.	Oil Tanker
A/001/06/22	Suspicious Approach	One small craft with 5 POB approached to withing 0.4nm. MV altered course and raised alarm, suspicious craft departed the area. Vessel and crew safe.	Chemical/Oil Tanker

Reporting Rates

An average of 94% of vessels within the UKMTO Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA) reported to UKMTO as recommended in BMP5.



Comparison with Q1 2021



There were 3 suspicious approaches in Q2 2022 compared to one in Q2 2021. None of these recorded events resulted in a piracy-related attack or boarding.

In Q2 2021 there were four maritime security events not related to piracy activity in the region (see UKMTO Maritime Security Definitions).

The attack recorded in Q2 2022 cannot be reliably defined as piracy or non-piracy related given its location in the vicinity of contested national waters subject to enhanced guidance to mariners by some Flag Authorities.

Piracy is widely acknowledged to be suppressed but not eradicated within the region. It is strongly recommended that all vessels within the UKMTO VRA adhere to the guidance within Best Management Practice Edition 5 (BMP5), reporting maritime security events and suspicious activity to UKMTO.

Appendices

UKMTO Maritime Security Definitions	
Hijack	Unauthorised persons have illegally boarded and taken control of the vessel against the will of the Master and crew
Boarding	Unauthorised persons have boarded but have not taken control of the vessel
Attempted Boarding	Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat, but were thwarted by BMP measures, PAST, weather conditions, lack of appropriate equipment, etc
Attack	An aggressive approach by unidentified craft and weapons have been discharged
Suspicious Approach	Definite alteration towards the ship, rapid increase in speed which cannot be accounted for in the prevailing conditions. Sudden changes in course towards ship and aggressive behaviour
Sightings and Irregular Behaviour	Suspicious activity not associated with the locality or prevailing conditions
Other	Maritime security events not related to piracy or armed robbery

Incident Reporting

As contained in BMP5 Section 6 Reporting.

UKMTO administers the Voluntary Reporting Scheme, under which merchant ships are encouraged to send regular reports. These include; initial reports, daily reports, final reports and reports of suspicious or irregular activity.

UKMTO Contact Details

Maritime Security Information	
UKMTO Watchkeepers (24/7 emergencies)	+44 2392 222 060 watchkeepers@ukmto.org
UKMTO Dubai (local office hours)	+971 4309 4268
UKMTO website (regional maritime security alerts)	www.ukmto.org
UKMTO on social media (regional maritime security alerts)	@UK_MTO

Other Sources of Information

Maritime Security Information	
Best Management Practice series	www.ocimf.org
Admiralty Maritime Security Charts	www.admiralty.co.uk/ukho
Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa	www.mschoa.org
International Maritime Bureau Live Piracy Reports	www.icc-css.org

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