

# UKMTO

## Weekly Report

### 22 – 28 Jul 17

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## Command Overview

1. This week UKMTO issued Warning 002/Jul/2017 with a subsequent update (page 3).
  2. In recent months there has been a marked reduction in reports made to UKMTO by merchant ships of sightings and suspicious approaches of small craft in the Gulf of Aden (GOA) and Western Arabian Sea (WAS). From 1 Jan 17 - 15 May 17, there were 202 reports of suspicious activity in the GOA and WAS compared to just 56 in the period 15 May - 28 Jul 17. This can be attributed in the main to the onset of the SW Monsoon season. Running from mid-May until October this seasonal event generates winds in excess of 30 knts with wave heights of up to 3.5 mtrs. Local fishing activity and coastal cargo trade is greatly reduced during this time and it may also serve to deter pirates action groups from putting to sea (a).
  3. At a ceremony in Djibouti this week Command of EU NAVFOR's counter piracy 'Operation Atalanta' was passed from Spain to Italy (c).
  4. Illegal fishing, arguably one of the original factors behind the emergence of Somali piracy is still rampant in the Western Indian Ocean according to a report released this week (d).
4. Open Source Media Articles of interest. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting:
    - a. 28 Jul 17 – General weather conditions for the Northern Indian ocean - <http://bit.ly/2v8jN7J>
    - b. 28 Jul 17 – Somali Foreign Minister to visit India next week - <http://bit.ly/2vRYC7S>
    - c. 27 Jul 17 – Spain hands over Command to Italy during ceremony on board ESPS Galicia - <http://bit.ly/2tLu85Z>
    - d. 22 Jul 17 – Illegal fishing in the Western Indian ocean 'alarming' - <http://bit.ly/2tResC5>



**ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED**

- (1) **Attacked**  
No incidents 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	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Date	Event	Location
21-22 Nov 17	SHADE	Bahrain
30 Nov 17	MIEVOM	Dubai

**LIAISON AND VISITS**

No visits to report this week.

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

**ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

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

**SHIPS BRIEFED**

Date	Location	Vessel
25/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	HC LARA
25/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	CYGNUS OCEAN
25/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	SBI HYDRA
25/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	T PRIME
25/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	PRABHU GOPAL
25/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	INDUSTRIAL ROYAL
26/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC LILY
26/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	SCHLIEMI RICKMERS
26/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	EMMA MAERSK
26/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK KLAIPEDA
27/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC KALINA
27/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC MARS
28/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	CMA CGM CENTAURUS
28/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	BUNGA ANGSANA
28/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	CARPATHIA

**WARNINGS**

**Warning 002/Jul/2017**

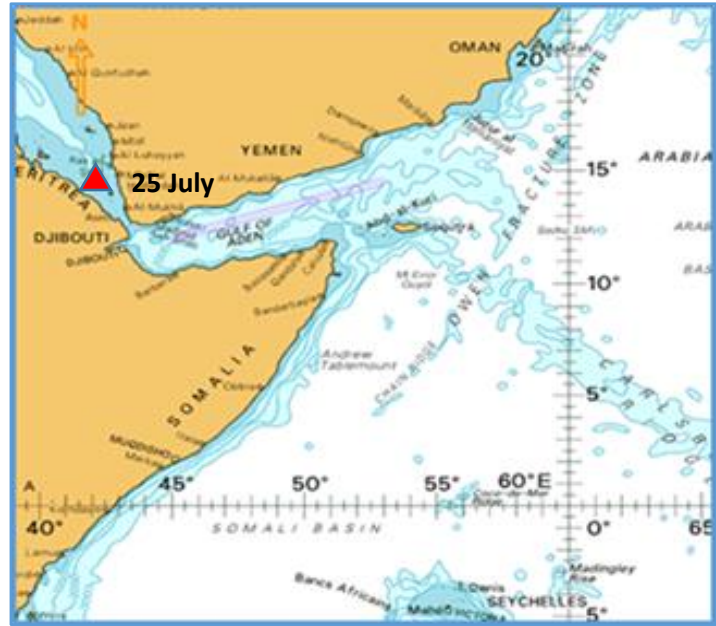
Description: Suspicious approach

On 25 Jul 17 at 1230 UTC. A merchant vessel was approached by 9 white hulled skiffs, 10 POB in each skiff in psn 14 53N 042 27E (Bab-El- Mandeb Strait North Bound). The skiffs closed to 2 cables and ladders were sighted. AST presence deterred further approach. Vessel is currently being followed by 5 skiffs.

**Warning 002/Jul/2017**

Description: Update.

25 Jul 17 at 1446 UTC. The merchant vessel is no longer being followed by 5 skiffs. The vessel and crew are safe.



**ADVISORIES**

No Advisories were released this week

**NOTES**

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

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