



UKMTO

Weekly Report

25 – 31 Mar 17

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

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Command Overview

1. The Dhow Casayr II which was reported as having been hijacked (along with two skiffs) on 23 Mar 17, was released this week. MSCHOA said the vessel's owner had confirmed the crew and vessel were safe. The whereabouts of the hijackers and skiffs are unknown therefore all ships transiting the area are advised to remain vigilant and comply fully with guidance given in BMP4 (a).

2. The threat to ships of collateral damage from military activity related to the Yemen conflict was re-affirmed this week in the release of the US maritime advisory 2017-002 (b). Despite this threat, analysis of routes taken by ships transiting the Southern Red Sea and Bab el Mandeb reveals that some vessels are still choosing to take the Eastern Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) around the Hanish Islands. Ship's operators and Masters are reminded of the advice given in UKMTO advisory 003/OCT/2016 which states vessels should consider the following: maintain the farthest possible distance from the Yemen coast, transit the Bab el Mandeb straits during daylight hours, use the Western TSS (see chart above), increase speed, maintain vigilance and report any unusual activity to UKMTO.

3. On 5 Apr 17, Lt Cdr Iain Beaton RNR will take Command of UKMTO Dubai as Officer in Charge (OIC). I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cooperation and support during my time as acting OIC. I will remain in the unit as 2iC.

4. Open Source Media Articles of interest:

- a. 27 Mar 17 - 'Somali pirates release hijacked mothership' (gCaptian): <http://bit.ly/2o59iPR>
- b. 28 Mar 17 - 'MARAD advisory warns of Yemen risks to US flagged ships' (Marinelog): <http://bit.ly/2nIFZDQ>
- c. 29 Mar 17- 'A solution to Somalian piracy is in sight' (allAfrica): <http://bit.ly/2mURxm9>
- d. 30 Mar 17 - 'Recent ship hijackings by Somali pirates illustrate a new increase of threat in the Gulf of Aden' (ESISC): <http://bit.ly/2nChcwQ>
- e. 31 Mar 17 - 'Ships from the EU Naval Force have conducted combined counter-piracy patrols off Somalia' (Coastweek.com): <http://bit.ly/2onYZmZ>



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ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED**(1) Attacked**

No incidents to report.

(2) Boarded

No incidents to report.

(3) Hijacked

No incidents to report.

Vessels/Crew under pirate control

Merchant Vessel	0	Personnel
Dhows/Fishing Vessels	8	Personnel
Other crew still held	0	Personnel
Total	8	

Vessel name		Date taken
Dhow Siraj	8	26/03/15

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
25 – 27 April 17	SHADE	Bahrain
18 May 17	MIEVOM	Dubai

LIAISON AND VISITS

26 Mar 17 - Visit by Cdr Spencer Johnson US NCAGS

ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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

SHIPS BRIEFED

Date	Location	Vessel
26/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC POSITANO
26/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	BOTTIGLIERI AMBITION
27/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC MAEVA
27/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	RIDGEBURY ROSEMARY E
28/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	ESTELLE MAERSK
28/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	BW TIGER
28/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	SIMA GENESIS
28/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	MERKUR O
29/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	FRONT LION
29/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	CMA CGM TOSCA
30/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	E.R. VANCOUVER
30/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	BW MERLIN
30/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	DELMAS KETA
30/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	HHL CONGO
30/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	KIRAN CHINA
31/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	PORTMAN SQUARE
31/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	HYUNDAI COLOMBO
31/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC LARA
31/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	OOCL SINGAPORE
31/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	MAULE
31/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	PELAGICA
31/03/2017	JEBEL ALI	STAR GLOBE