

UKMTO

Weekly Report

6 – 12 May 17

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

IN THIS ISSUE

## Command Overview

1. UKMTO released two Warnings and one Advisory this week (see page 3).
2. Two separate incidents took place this week in similar positions off the Iranian coast close to the Ra's al Kuh Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS). On 7 May a 55180t Bulk Carrier was approached by 4 skiffs and a mother vessel, warning flares were fired by the ship and shots were heard in return from the skiffs. The Iranian Navy arrived on scene and the skiffs were seen to leave in the direction of the Iranian coast. No one was injured in the incident and the vessel was escorted to safety. On 8 May and in a similar position, a 19997t Oil/Chemical tanker reported being approached by 3 later updated to 4 skiffs acting in a suspicious manner and shadowed the ships for over an hour, the vessel reported sighting long hooks in the skiffs. Despite the reported sighting of ladders in the first incident UKMTO assesses that it is likely that both encounters are linked to regional pattern of life rather than attempted piracy.
3. Open source media reported further sightings of mines off the Yemen Red Sea coast (b), UKMTO has not received any information to substantiate these reports but does reiterate the advice given to ship's masters in Feb 17 to consider increasing vigilance, maintain the farthest possible distance from the Yemen coast, transit the Bab el Mandeb straits during daylight hours and use the Western TSS.
4. Open Source Media Articles of interest:
  - a. 8 May 17 - Somalia: 'Puntland takes over captured pirates from Chinese Navy'(Somali Update): <http://bit.ly/2q7OXJG>
  - b. 9 May 17 - 'Saudi Forces Find More Naval Mines Off Yemen'(The Maritime Executive): <http://bit.ly/2qplICi>
  - c. 9 May 17 - 'EU Naval Force hosts Somalia Prime Minister aboard counter-piracy ship'(Mareeg News): <http://bit.ly/2q5twbT>
  - d. 9 May 17 - 'Denmark send plane back to Horn of Africa to combat rising piracy threat'(Splash 24/7): <http://bit.ly/2r2s8Vb>
  - e. 11 May 17 - 'Ship attacks up internationally in first quarter of 2017'(Defence Web): <http://bit.ly/2pqseK2>



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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
4 – 16 May 17	IMCMEX 17	Bahrain
18 May 17	MIEVOM	Dubai

**LIAISON AND VISITS**

11 May – Visit by Oliver Bowen (BP Shipping).

12 May – Visit to Dryad Maritime Offices, UK.

**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
07/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	RICKMERS JAKARTA
07/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	SWAN RIVER
08/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	LEVANTE
08/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	ECO DESTINY
08/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	THORCO ALLIANCE
08/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	EVER UBERTY
08/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	HYUNDAI DRIVE
09/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	SAI SUNSHINE
09/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	WALLEYE
09/05/2017	MINA SAQR	NAVIOS HIOS
10/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK INDUS
10/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	LAMINIA
10/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK KAMPALA
10/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	APL CHONGQING
10/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	BOW MEKKA
10/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	VIOLA
11/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	PACIFIC VISION
11/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	CMA CGM TITAN
11/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	BUM SHIN
11/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	JUSTICE VICTORIA
12/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	ERLYNE
12/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC VENICE
12/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	SPIRIT
12/05/2017	ABU DHABI	FELICIA K
12/05/2017	ABU DHABI	MIAMI PRIDE

**WARNINGS**

**02/MAY/2017**

**Description:** At 144007ZMAY17, a Merchant vessel was attacked in position 2532.00N 057330.0E. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

**03/MAY/2017**

**Description:** At 080745ZMAY17 a Merchant vessel in position 2531.24N 057324.8E reported a suspicious approach. 4 Skiffs approaching, long hook sighted, no weapons sighted. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

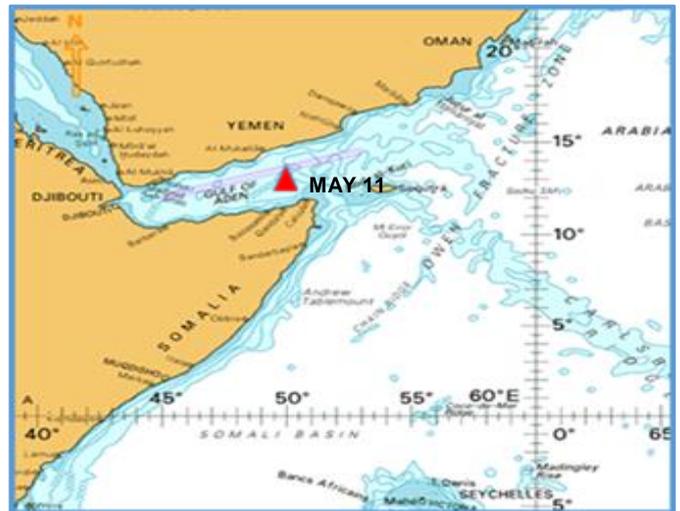


**ADVISORIES**

**003/MAY/2017**

**Category:** Sighting

**Description:** At 110605ZMay17, UKMTO received information that 3 skiffs closed a Merchant Vessel at speed to approx. 600 metres in position 1321.7N 04923.8E with 5/6 people on board each skiff. The embarked security team fired a warning flare and the skiffs altered course and re-joined a dhow in position 1316.7N 04915.2E. No weapons or ladders sighted. Vessel is SAFE.



**NOTES**

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

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