



UKMTO

Weekly Report

29 Apr - 5 May 17

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

IN THIS ISSUE

## Command Overview

1. UKMTO have released one Warning and two Advisories this week (see page 3).
2. MV Paraskevi reported to UKMTO on 01 May 17 that it was being approached by 5 skiffs who closed to 0.2NM on both port and starboard. Ref WARNING NOTICE 001/MAY/2017. The Armed Security Team (AST) fired warning shots and the skiffs withdrew, vessel and crew are safe.
3. UKMTO received reports of 3 to 4 skiffs, each with up to 5 persons on board (POB), in vicinity of the Bab-EI-Mandeb strait. Ref ADVISORY NOTICE 001/MAY/2017. Closest point of approach (CPA) was 1.5NM with no aggressive intentions seen.
4. MV Seiyo Harmony advised UKMTO that a group of 9 skiffs with 3 POB were sighted in the IRTC. Ref ADVISORY NOTICE 002/MAY/2017. CPA was 0.6NM, the AST fired 2 warning shots and the Skiffs withdrew.
5. Mariners should be aware of an additional incident that occurred in position 0223.57N 04641.17E. Two skiffs closed on a vessel from astern and the AST fired warning shots, the skiffs slowed their speed however continued to follow for in excess of an hour. Advice to adhere to BMP 4 remains in place.
6. UKMTO Dubai will be hosting the Maritime Information Exchange Vessel Operators' Meeting (MIEVOM) on 18 May 2017. Anyone wishing to attend contact UKMTO to confirm their details ASAP.
7. Open source media articles of interest are noted below. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting:
  - a. 01 May - Declining Vigilance Threatens Return of Somali Piracy:- <http://bit.ly/2qnHRBA>
  - b. 01 May - UN Rights Chief Warns against Saudi-Led Attack on Yemen Port:- <http://bit.ly/2qLyIWc>
  - c. 03 May - Declining Deterrence Gives Somali Pirates a Lifeline:- <http://bit.ly/2qLv16S>
  - d. 05 May - Chinese navy hands over three pirates to Somali authorities:- <http://reut.rs/2pLNoAK>
  - e. 03 May - Somali piracy is back with a \$1.7 billion problem after shipping firms lower vigilance:- <http://cnb.cx/2pLZh9R>



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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 & persons under pirate control**

Details of Vessel	No. Vessels held	No. Souls held	Date Taken
Merchant Vessel	0		
Dhows/Fishing Vessels	0		
Dhow Siraj		8	26/03/15
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Date	Event	Location
4 – 16 May 17	IMCMEX 17	-
18 May 17	MIEVOM	Dubai

**LIAISON AND VISITS**

- 30 Apr - Visit to MidEast Ship Management.
- 1 May – Visit of R/Adm Olivier Lebas (CCTF 150).
- 2 May – Visit of Katherine Yakunchenkova (AISafina Security).

**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](http://www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI)  
[www.ukmto.org](http://www.ukmto.org)  
[BMP\(4\)](#)

**SHIPS BRIEFED**

Date	Location	Vessel
01/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	FANJA
01/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC RAVENNA
01/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC TINA
01/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	EM CORAL
02/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC ESTHI
02/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	NEW CONFIDENCE
03/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	JERNAS
03/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	APL GULF EXPRESS
03/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	OOCL KAOHSIUNG
03/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	EXPRESS ATHENS
03/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	SCF ALPINE
04/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC HEIDI
04/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	MARKOS 1
05/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	LUNA
05/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	CHEMROAD QUEEN
05/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	OCEAN GARNET

## WARNINGS

**01/MAY/2017**

**Description:** On the 1st May 2017 13:00Z an MV was approached in psn 1208N 04416E by 5 Skiffs with 5 POB in each Skiff, x 4 approached to port at 25kts and the other approached to starboard, the starboard skiff closed to 0.2NM. AST fired warning shots at starboard Skiff at which point all 5 skiffs turned away, vessel and crew are safe. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

## ADVISORIES

**001/MAY/2017**

**Category:** Sighting

**Description:** UKMTO has received information that a group of 3/4 skiffs with green and white hulls and 4/5 POB have been sighted in PSN 1226.8N 04350.7E. Mariners are advised to exercise caution whilst transiting this area.

**002/MAY/2017**

**Category:** Sighting

**Description:** UKMTO has received information that a group of 9 skiffs with black and white hulls and 3 POB were sighted in PSN 1310.97N 04918.89E. Skiffs surrounded the MV at 0.6NM, vessel fired 2 warning shots and the Skiffs moved away. Mariners are advised to exercise caution whilst transiting this area.

## NOTES

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

**THESE ADVISORIES** are **not** Classified as a Maritime Security Events and have **not** been verified by UKMTO. This information is provided to Inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

