

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



Weekly Report: 15 to 21 Aug 2021

1. It was announced this week that the geographic boundaries of the High Risk Area (HRA) for piracy in the Indian Ocean will reduce on the 1 September 2021. The changes have been agreed by the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO), International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO), and Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF), representing the global shipping and oil industries. For further information and details of the new boundaries see media on [Page 2 article a.](#)

Warnings, Advisories and Notices

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Warnings

No Warnings issued this week.

Advisories

No Advisories issued this week.

Notices

Number	Category	Remarks
003/JUL/2021	Military Exercise	Cancel 311800UTC AUG 2021
008/FEB/2021	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. Change in piracy threats in Indian Ocean prompts redo of High Risk Area off Somalia

A continued downward trend in Somali piracy has prompted a number of global shipping organisations to reduce the geographic boundaries of the 'High Risk Area' (HRA) for piracy in the Indian Ocean, which will apply from 1 September this year.

19 Aug 2021 defenceWeb: <https://bit.ly/3gkVPwN>

17 Aug 2021 LLoyd's List: <https://bit.ly/3ycryGI>

17 Aug 2021 Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/37ZSte7>

b. Security threats at sea need global response

The UN welcomed moves by the international community to strengthen co-operation on maritime security. The world body supports regional initiatives, including fighting piracy off Somalia and cutting down on armed robbery of ships in Asia.

19 Aug 2021 defenceWeb: <https://bit.ly/3mnTcOo>

c. NAVCENT begins IMX 22 main planning conference

International Maritime Exercise (IMX) 22 is designed to demonstrate global resolve to maintain freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce throughout the region's diverse maritime environment, and to build interoperability between partner nations and international organizations.

19 Aug 2021 NAVCENT: <https://bit.ly/3j0zfv9>

d. Djibouti, a key partner for the Operation

From the dawn of EU NAVFOR ATALANTA in 2008, the contribution of the Republic of Djibouti to the tasks derived from its mandate has been a key factor in the current success of this EU Operation. Djibouti hosts the ORION Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft Detachment (airborne element of EU NAVFOR ATALANTA), including the necessary maintenance equipment and aircraft hangars, and the SEA facilities that offer logistic support to the maritime component of EU NAVFOR ATALANTA.

19 Aug 2021 EU Naval Force - Somalia: <https://bit.ly/3sAwcqg>

e. EU NAVFOR SOMALIA - Attack of the MV ANATOLIA off the coast of Somalia

On 13 August 2021 EU NAVFOR ATALANTA Joint Operation Centre received an alert reporting MV ANATOLIA was under attack by a skiff with 4/5 armed persons on board. After almost two hours of exchange of fire between the assailants and the Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel on board, the attackers returned to shore and the vessel continued its route to Mogadishu.

18 Aug 2021 EU Naval Force - Somalia: <https://bit.ly/3sDJuJ9>

f. Global supply chains are being battered by fresh covid surges

Asia's renewed surge in Covid-19 infections is compounding supply-chain blockages across the world's biggest source of manufactured goods. After weathering earlier pandemic waves better than other regions, the fast-spreading delta variant has thrown into turmoil factories and ports in countries that were once among the most successful containing the virus.

16 Aug 2021 Bloomberg: <https://bit.ly/3D1j88D>

g. US seabase completes anti-piracy trials off Nigeria

US Navy's expeditionary sea-base USS Hershel 'Woody' Williams, the first US ship permanently assigned to West Africa – completed a maritime security and anti-piracy exercise with the Nigerian Navy, the Spanish Navy, and members of Ghana's Special Boat Squadron last week.

16 Aug 2021 gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/2UwQ6fy>

Engagement and Visits

Lt Cdr Sam Yee attended the virtual IMX planning conference held over 16 to 18 August 2021 from Bahrain. There was no visits or visitors to UKMTO this week.

To contact our Dubai office, arrange a visit or request a briefing please contact Lt Cdr Sam Yee by telephone: +971 (0)501 898 389 or email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org

Maritime Security Briefs

Company Security Officers and Masters wishing to receive the latest regional maritime security brief should contact Lt Cdr Sam Yee email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org

Date	Location	Vessel
18/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	BBC VERMONT
18/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	ATLANTIC GOLD
20/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	CASTOR LEADER
20/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	AZALEA ACE
21/08/2021	TELEPHONE BRIEF	FS ENDEAVOR

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Additional Sources of Information

[United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations \(UKMTO\)](#)
[Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa \(MSCHOA\)](#)
[International Maritime Security Construct \(IMSC\)](#)
[International Maritime Bureau \(IMB\) Live Piracy Reports](#)
[United States Dept of Transportation Maritime Administration](#)
[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)
[Maritime Global Security](#)
[Oil Companies International Marine Forum \(OCIMF\)](#)
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)

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