



Weekly Report: 17 to 23 August 2022

Key Events this Reporting Period. Set against a quiet ambient MarSec background; three key events stand-out this week. Namely:

- **Indian Ocean ‘High Risk Area’ (HRA).** The Shipping Industry is set to remove the Indian Ocean ‘High Risk Area’ designation as the piracy threat subsides. Please see open source media article No. 1 for further details.
- **International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC).** Commodore Ben Aldous Royal Navy assumed command from Commodore Don McKinnon Royal Navy at a change of command ceremony in Bahrain. Please see open source media article No.3 for further details.
- **Combined Task Force (CTF) 151.** Brazilian Navy Rear Adm. Nelson de Oliveira Leite assumed command from Pakistan Navy Commodore Ahmed Hussain. Please see open source media article No.5 for further details.

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Warnings		
Number	Category	Remarks
No new Warnings were issued this week		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
No new Advisories were issued this week		

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
No extant Notices		

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Open Source Media Articles

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1. IFC: Maritime security situation mid-year report 2022

The Information Fusion Centre's (IFC) published its mid-year report for 2022, providing an overview of the maritime security situation within the IFC's area of interest in the first half of the year, and offers IFC's assessment of what we can expect for the rest of 2022.

22 Aug 22 - Safety4Sea: <https://bit.ly/3Ke91Bi>

2. Shipping Industry to remove Indian Ocean 'High Risk Area' designation as piracy threat subsides

A group of shipping industry bodies have decided to remove the Indian Ocean "High Risk Area", reflecting a significantly improved piracy situation in the region, the International Chamber of Shipping announced 22 Aug 2022. The UN International Maritime Organization (IMO) was informed of the decision made by International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), BIMCO, International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA), INTERCARGO, INTERTANKO and Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF), ahead of the next meeting of the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee scheduled to start on 31 Oct 2022. The removal will be effective from January 1, 2023, allowing charterers, ship-owners and operators time to adapt to the changed threat from piracy.

22 Aug 22 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/3pEL8t4>

22 Aug 22 - Bloomberg: <https://bloom.bg/3Ajixyq>

22 Aug 22 - Financial Times: <https://on.ft.com/3CqHcDZ>

3. Brazil assumes command of Middle East anti-piracy task force

On 18 Aug 2022 Pakistan turned over command of a multinational naval task force to Brazil during an afternoon ceremony at the U.S. Navy base in Bahrain. Brazilian Navy Rear Adm. Nelson de Oliveira Leite assumed command of Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 from Pakistan Navy Commodore Ahmed Hussain.

19 Aug 22 - Commander Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3KgmLeF>

19 Aug 22 - Naval Today: <https://bit.ly/3QHEDSr>

19 Aug 22 - DVIDS: <https://bit.ly/3CGLSWD>

4. Ukraine's grain shipping corridor appears to be working

Ukrainian grain flows are pushing down global prices as the newly opened crop-export corridor shows initial success. More than 500,000 tons of foodstuffs aboard 21 ships were exported from the country's major Black Sea ports in the first half of August, under a deal agreed late last month. That's far below a normal pace, but is providing some relief to grain supplies strained by Russia's invasion and bad weather curbing harvests elsewhere.

19 Aug 22 - Bloomberg: <https://bit.ly/3AI6FYs>

5. International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) holds change of command

On 18 Aug 2022 the International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) headquarters held a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Navy base in Bahrain between two officers from United Kingdom's Royal Navy. Royal Navy Commodore Ben Aldous assumed command of IMSC from Commodore Don Mackinnon who served as Commander since November 2021.

19 Aug 22 - International maritime Security Construct ((IMSC): <https://bit.ly/3PMC2VG>

18 Aug 22 - DVIDS: <https://bit.ly/3AAhQ4b>

6. ITF Inspectors recovered \$37 million in unpaid wages to seafarers in 2021

The International Transport Workers' Federation have issued a report showing that union ship inspectors recovered more than \$37 million in unpaid wages to seafarers in 2021 as the crew change crisis raged on. ITF inspectors are present in more than 100 ports across 50 countries. They are trained to look for exploitation, overwork – even for signs of forced labor and modern slavery. On many vessels, inspectors have the right to examine wage accounts, employment contracts, and to review recorded hours of work

Engagement and Visits

1. **Engagement:** On Wednesday 16 Aug 22 Lt Cdr Dougie Bell RN called upon the new command team at CTF 151 [See Open Source Media Article No. 3] and the Deputy Commander of CTF 52. CTF 52 is responsible for the planning and conduct of maritime mine counter-measures operations in the region. On Thursday 17 Aug 22 Dougie Bell attended the handover ceremony of the International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) in Bahrain. [See Open Source Media Article No. 5].

2. **UKMTO (Dubai) Office - Visits, Briefings & Maritime Security Briefings.** To contact our Dubai office, arrange an office visit, request a briefing on UKMTO or request a regional Maritime Security Brief please contact Lt Cdr Dougie Bell by telephone: +971 (0)501 898 389 or email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org. Please note that any emails received between 13:00UTC on Friday afternoon and 04:00UTC on Monday morning, may not be actioned before 04:00UTC on Monday.

3. **Urgent and Short-Notice Briefing Requirements.** Security Officers and Masters should contact the **Duty UKMTO Officer on: +971 (0)50 559 3983** who will be able to arrange urgent and/ or short-notice briefings that fall outside of the above times.

Maritime Security Briefs

Date	Location	Vessel
22/08/2022	JEBEL ALI	LIONESS
22/08/2022	JEBEL ALI	CHEMSTAR SAPPHIRE
22/08/2022	JEBEL ALI	DANK SILVER
22/08/2022	JEBEL ALI	LAKE STARS

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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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