

Weekly Report: 24 to 30 August 2022

1. **Date for your Diary.** The next Maritime Information Exchange Vessel Operators Meeting (MIEVOM) will take place on **Thursday 24 November 2022 at the Dubai International Seafarer's Centre**. The meeting will be available online for those who cannot attend in person. Details of how to register will be promulgated in the near future.

2. **US Maritime Advisory.** The US Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration issued Maritime Advisory 2022-08 on 30 Aug 22. This advisory replaces Maritime Advisory 2022-003 on the subject of: *'Threats to Commercial Vessels Geographic Areas: Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, Bab al Mandeb Strait, Red Sea, and Western Indian Ocean'*. For further detail, Maritime Advisories can be found at this link: <https://bit.ly/3cvSSe0>

3. **ADNOC Visitors to UKMTO.** UKMTO was delighted to host representatives from Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) during a recent visit to the UKMTO (Dubai) office. Pictured, are Captain Ahmed Al Marzooqi, Captain Amaar Muhammed Ansar and Captain Monzer Saker with Dougie Bell, who briefed the visitors on the current maritime security situation across the UKMTO's Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA).



Warnings, Advisories and Notices

Please see below a list of all recent and extant UKMTO warnings, advisories and notices. Full details can be found on the website UKMTO. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

| Warnings | | |
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| Number | Category | Remarks |
| No new Warnings were issued this week | | |
| Advisories | | |
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| No new Advisories were issued this week | | |
| Notices | | |
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| 001/SEP/2022 | Live Firing | Cancel this notice 301800UTC SEP 22 |

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Open Source Media Articles

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1. Italian Navy FoC Thaon Di Revel PPA Joins EMASoH

The PAOLO THAON DI REVEL (P430) PPA (Pattugliatore Polivalente d'Altura) combatant multirole (offshore) patrol vessel has joined Operation AGENOR, the military pillar of the European-led Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz (EMASoH). Consisting of nine European countries; Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Portugal and the Netherlands, EMASoH is a maritime security initiative to promote safe and secure transit and freedom of navigation for merchant shipping in the Gulf region, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman and the North Arabian Sea.

29 Aug 22 - Naval News: <https://bit.ly/3R0qnUZ>

29 Aug 22 - Worldakkam.com: <https://bit.ly/3wF1VAe>

2. The strange death of Somali piracy

With no attacks on merchant vessels in the Indian Ocean for the last four years, six leading industry organisations led by the International Chamber of Shipping and BIMCO have decreed that as of the start of next January 1, the region will no longer be designated a high-risk area. The removal of the HRA reflects a significantly improved piracy situation in the region, largely due to concerted counter-piracy efforts by regional and international stakeholders.

26 Aug 22 - Lloyd's List: <https://bit.ly/3AvV1y>

26 Aug 22 - defenceWeb: <https://bit.ly/3CDv5Uc>

23 Aug 22 - Garowe Online: <https://bit.ly/3e5phbM>

23 Aug 22 - MENAFN: <https://bit.ly/3R17ktA>

3. Royal Bahrain Naval Force takes over CTF 152

Royal Bahrain Naval Force (RBNF) has taken over command of Combined Task Force 152 (CTF152) for the third time since 2008. The Kuwait Naval Force handed over command to RBNF in a ceremony attended by Commander of the Kuwait Navy Force Commodore Hazza'a Al-Alati, Bahrain Defence Force Chief-of-Staff Lieu. Gen. Theyab Al-Nuaimi and Commander of United States Naval Forces Central Command and Commander of Fifth Fleet Vice-Admiral Charles Bradford Cooper.

26 Aug 22 - News of Bahrain: <https://bit.ly/3KsXpup>

26 Aug 22 - MENAFN: <https://bit.ly/3R0fN07>

25 Aug 22 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3CG5fik>

25 Aug 22 - DVIDS: <https://bit.ly/3e6Clhg>

4. Bahrain conducts fifth Sentinel Shield exercise with IMSC

Forces from Bahrain and the United States completed a joint exercise in the Arabian Gulf, Aug. 23, led by a nine-nation coalition staff based in the Middle East. Sentinel Shield is a monthly exercise series organized by the International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) to enhance communication and coordination among partner naval forces. This month's iteration was the first designed to integrate unmanned systems.

25 Aug 22 - International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC): <https://bit.ly/3AXYJ5i>

5. Shipping Industry to remove Indian Ocean High Risk Area

After the announced removal of the HRA from the 1st of January 2023, EU NAVFOR ATALANTA will continue to strongly recommend and fully support Shipping Industry in the implementation of BMP5, and echoes its statement on the need to include reporting to UKMTO and registration to the Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA) as part of voyage planning and execution. EU NAVFOR ATALANTA's mandate is not related to the existence of the HRA. Together with Combined Maritime Force (CMF), ATALANTA will continue to provide threat assessments to inform Company Security Officers when planning passage across the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA) as piracy is suppressed but not yet eradicated.

24 Aug 22 - EU Naval Force - Somalia (EUNAVFOR): <https://bit.ly/3pUYFgh>

Engagement and Visits

- Engagement:** On Friday 26 Aug 22 the UKMTO (Dubai) office was delighted to welcome Captain Ahmed Al Marzooqi, Captain Amaar Muhammed Ansar and Captain Monzer Saker from Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC).
- 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.
- 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 |
|------------|-----------|----------------|
| 24/08/2022 | JEBEL ALI | BALABAN |
| 24/08/2022 | JEBEL ALI | JI HONG |
| 25/08/2022 | JEBEL ALI | PRANHU MIHIKAA |
| 25/08/2022 | JEBEL ALI | YIANNIS B |
| 29/08/2022 | JEBEL ALI | SAGA DISCOVERY |
| 29/08/2022 | JEBEL ALI | BAIACU |
| 29/08/2022 | JEBEL ALI | HAFNIA LIBRA |
| 29/08/2022 | JEBEL ALI | ND ARMONIA |

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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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