

# United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

## Weekly Report: 26 Dec 2021 - 01 Jan 2022

This week UKMTO Dubai said farewell to Lt Cdr Sam Yee RN who will be superceded by Lt Cdr Dougie Bell RN later this month.

The team here in Dubai wish Sam every success in his new role in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.



CPO Anne McGarva, Lt Cdr Sam Yee  
& PO Anne-Marie McCaldon

## 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](http://UKMTO). UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

### Warnings

No Warnings were issued this week.

### Advisories

No Advisories were issued this week.

### Notices

| Number       | Category  | Remarks                       |
|--------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 008/FEB/2021 | <a href="#">Transiting the Strait of Hormuz</a> | In force until further notice |
| 007/DEC/2021 | <a href="#">Live Firing</a>                     | 040900UTCJAN2022              |
| 001/JAN/2022 | <a href="#">Firing Practice</a>                 | 311800UTCJAN2022              |

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## Open Source Media Articles

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### **a. Kiwi-led task force seizes drugs worth \$5.8 million in Arabian Sea**

A Kiwi-led Combined Task Force (CTF 150) supported by US Navy ships has seized US\$4 million (\$5.8 million) worth of drugs from a stateless fishing vessel transiting the Arabian Sea. The 385kg illegal shipment of heroin had been discovered by US Coast Guard personnel onboard USS Tempest and USS Typhoon while conducting a flag verification boarding in accordance with customary international law on Monday.

31 Dec 21 Radio New Zealand: <https://bit.ly/3JwL2MR>

30 Dec 21 Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3pJIUJH>

30 Dec 21 Military Spot: <https://bit.ly/3FP8Kld>

30 Dec 21 The National (Gulf): <https://bit.ly/342r4t5>

27 Dec 21 Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3mR2eTw>

### **b. Brittany Ferries' gas-driven super ferry prepares to enter Suez Canal en route to Europe**

Brittany Ferries' newest and greenest ship Salamanca is preparing to travel through the Suez Canal en route from China to Europe. Salamanca weighs in at more than 42,000 gross tonnes which means she will be one of the largest ships to serve the company, which has its UK HQ in Plymouth, and at 215 metres long she will be joint-longest.

31 Dec 21 Business Live: <https://bit.ly/3Hr3ynX>

31 Dec 21 Port News: <https://bit.ly/32KoGqB>

### **c. The Year in Salvage: Ever Bigger**

The grounding of the *Ever Given* in the Suez Canal brought shipping to the sudden attention of the general public – as large vessel casualties often do. The shutdown captivated newsrooms and Twitter feeds for six long days in March and delayed tens of billions of dollars in trade.

30 Dec 21 - Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/32MAI2t>

### **d. 2021 Was a Historic Low Point for Piracy, But Many Threats Remain**

Global piracy in 2021 is at its lowest level since 1994. Moreover, this level is achieved with the inclusion of many incidents that do not meet the UNCLOS definition of maritime piracy, especially when considering the location of events. Maritime piracy in the Indian Ocean has almost disappeared. Only one event (an incident aboard the ANATOLIAN on August 13, along the coast of Somalia) has been considered as a "maritime piracy act" by some specialized agencies, but the description of the event is more oriented towards post-smuggling.

29 Dec 21 - Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3EL7q1E>

### **e. Chinese navy escorted 7,000 ships in Gulf of Aden, Somali Basin in 13 years**

December 26 marked the 13th anniversary of the start of People's Liberation Army Navy's escorting missions in the Gulf of Aden and the waters off the coast of Somalia.

27 Dec 21 - CGTN: <https://bit.ly/3ExVErd>

## Engagement and Visits

There were no visitors 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](mailto: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](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

| Date       | Location        | Vessel      |
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| 28/12/2021 | TELEPHONE BRIEF | JBU SCHELDE |

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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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