

Weekly Report: 16 to 22 March 2023

- The team at UKMTO (Dubai) was delighted to host Commodore Ben Aldous Royal Navy, Commander of the Coalition Task Force SENTINEL on Monday 20 March for an exchange of updates on Maritime Security matters. Commodore Aldous and two of his International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) colleagues are currently conducting stakeholder engagement within the UAE. Following on from UKMTO (Dubai), the IMSC team moved on to meet with the Commander of French forces in the Middle East, Rear Admiral Slaars French Navy in Abu Dhabi as well as the new Commander at the European Maritime Awareness in the Straits of Hormuz (EMASoH), Rear Admiral Flamant Belgian Navy. Cdre Aldous's round-robin tour of regional engagement will also take up a number of maritime industry contacts in the UAE, before returning to Bahrain.



Warnings, Advisories and Notices

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Warnings		
Number	Category	Remarks
No new Warnings were issued this week		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
004/MAR/2023	Attack	MV fired upon by one craft.

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
No new Notices were issued this week		

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Open Source Media Articles

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- **International Maritime Exercise 2023 Ends during Ceremony in Oman**

MANAMA, Bahrain - The Middle East region's largest maritime exercise, International Maritime Exercise (IMX) 2023, concluded during a final briefing and ceremony in Muscat, Oman, March 16.

- 16 Mar 23 - centcom.mil: <http://bit.ly/3Z3z57V>



- **Trawling, Trafficking, Smuggling and Spoilage: East Africa's War on Illicit Maritime Trade, and How Exercise Cutlass Express 2023 .**

MOMBASA, Kenya - Across Africa, partner nations have joined to train and work alongside each other to combat the laundry list of maritime crime on the continent. Over the past week and a half of the exercise, the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy, in concert with an international team of military services and organizations, has conducted a comprehensive approach to combating these issues during exercise Cutlass Express 2023.

- 17 Mar 23 - navy.mil: <http://bit.ly/40hyfp2>

- **Seychelles' maritime security centre expected to play major role in future Cutlass Express exercises.**

The Regional Centre for Operational Coordination based in Seychelles is expected to play an instrumental role in coordinating the Cutlass Express regional exercise led by the United States Naval Forces Africa.

- 17 Mar 23 - seychellessnewsagency: <http://bit.ly/40mquhH>

- **First Woman Selected as CMF's Next Senior Enlisted Leader.**

MANAMA, Bahrain – On March 19, Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) announced the selection of the first woman to serve as the senior enlisted leader for the 38-nation naval partnership led by the commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) in Bahrain.

NAVCENT Command Master Chief Celina Miller was selected as the next senior enlisted leader to replace U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Cortez Brown in May. Brown has filled the role since August 2021.

- 19 Mar 23 - combinedmaritimeforces: <http://bit.ly/3Z75z14>



Engagement and Visits

- **Engagement.** On Monday 20 March UKMTO welcomed CCTF Sentinel/ IMSC Cdre Ben Aldous RN, Lt Cdr William Hooper RN and Lt William Burrows RN to the office.
- **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 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. For urgent and short notice briefing requirements, Security Officers and Masters should contact the Duty UKMTO Officer on: +971 (0)50 189 8389 who will be able to arrange urgent and/ or short-notice briefings that fall outside of the above times.
- **MIEVOM 2023.** Remember to put the date in your diary for the first MIEVOM of 2023 which will be held on 11 May at Dubai International Seafarers Centre, Al Raffa, Dubai. Further details will follow in the coming weeks.
- **Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA).** Although the High Risk Area (HRA) has been removed, vessels are reminded to continue voluntary reporting to UKMTO in accordance with BMP5.

Maritime Security Briefs

Date	Location	Vessel
No briefs carried out this week		

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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](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)

[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)

[Maritime Global Security](#)

[Oil Companies International Marine Forum \(OCIMF\)](#)

[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)

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