



Weekly Report: 23 to 29 March 2023

- Sadly, after 8 consecutive years of sterling service with UKMTO (Dubai), our longest serving Liaison Officer, Chief Petty Officer Anne McGarva has come to the end of her tenure. Anne departs UKMTO (Dubai) in early April and returns to the UK. Amongst other opportunities, we hope Anne will be able to impart the hard-earned experience and wisdom gleaned over 44 years as a Royal Navy reservist to the up-and-coming graduates of the RNR's Maritime Trade Operations (MTO) Branch. The UK's MTO branch specialises in Allied Worldwide Navigational Information System (AWNIS) as well as Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS). The industry has been generous in its praise for Anne's contribution to maritime safety and security. We bid her fond adieu, fair winds and following seas as the remaining (UKMTO) Dubai team presented Anne with a small token to remember her time with the UKMTO. Thank you for your service Anne.



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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		
Number	Category	Remarks
No Warnings were issued this week		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
No Advisories were issued this week		

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
No Notices were issued this week		

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Open Source Media Articles

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- **Maritime Security Chart Amend**

An update was issued in Notice to Mariners Week 11, 16th March 2023 highlighting the removal of UKMTO UAE mobile number: +971 (0) 55 05 52 32 15 from **Chart Q6099** and **Chart Q6111**. The number being removed is a legacy number that has fallen out of use. This has no impact upon the standing telephone number still promulgated in **Chart Q6099** and **Chart Q6111** and **BMP 5** that should be used for contacting UKMTO Watchkeepers at: +44 (0) 23 92 22 20 60 for all reporting in the future. The link below will take you directly to the Notice to mariners page, **please ensure you change the dropdown at the top of the page to week 11** in order to be taken quickly to the correct section.

- 28 Mar 23 - msi.admiralty: <http://bit.ly/3TOGPty>

- **U.S. Navy, EU Naval Forces Conduct Combined Patrol in Arabian Sea.**

A guided-missile destroyer from U.S. 5th Fleet completed a combined patrol in the Arabian Sea, March 23-24, with ships from Spain and Italy operating under European Union Naval Forces Operation Atalanta.

- 24 Mar 23 - navy.mil: <http://bit.ly/3FWw7LZ>

- **Super tanker anchored off Yemen coast is likely to sink or explode at any moment, UN says.**

A super tanker anchored off the coast of Yemen and containing more than a million barrels of oil is "likely to sink or explode at any moment", unleashing an environmental and humanitarian disaster, a United Nations official has told Sky News. The FSO Safer was all but abandoned in 2015 as Yemen descended into civil war and now the ship is starting to fall apart..

- 25 Mar 23 - news.sky: <http://bit.ly/3Kd7BZf>

- **China, Iran, Russia conclude four-day joint maritime exercise.**

The Chinese PLA Navy has completed a four-day joint maritime exercise named Security Belt-2023 with the Iranian Navy and the Russian Navy. .

- 28 Mar 23 - naval-technology: <http://bit.ly/3FWw7LZ>

Engagement and Visits

- **Engagement.** No office visits/ visitors in this reporting period.
- **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 with effect from 1 January 2023, there is no impact to the UKMTO managed VRA. Vessels are requested/ 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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