

## Weekly Report: 04 to 10 May 2023

- **Informal Ship owners Security Forum (ISSF) (Middle East (ME)).** On Thursday 4-May the UKMTO (Dubai) team attended the ISSF (ME), which was hosted by Bhari Shipping at their office in Dubai. Also in attendance were various maritime stakeholders along with the Commanders and Staff from the International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) as well as the European Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz (EMASoH). Our sincere thanks to our hosts for inviting UKMTO (Dubai) to the event and for hosting us all so well.
- **Save the Date - UKMTO Maritime Information Exchange Vessel Operators Meeting (MIEVOM).** It is intended to host the next UKMTO (Dubai) MIEVOM on Thursday 06-July 2023 between 10:00 (Dubai +4) and 12:30 (Dubai +4) at a Dubai venue. It is intended to publish event registration details in due course with registration being available from 31 May 2023. Further detail will be published in the following Weekly Summaries. Please watch this space.
- **Shared Awareness and De-confliction (SHADE) Meeting 51.** It is understood that the 51st SHADE meeting has been postponed and will likely take place in September or October. EU NAVFOR Operation ATALANTA will post a 'save the date' and calling notices in due course.

## 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](https://www.ukmto.org). 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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- **U.S. Coast Guard Seizes \$30 Million in Drugs with International Task Force – Combined Maritime Forces (CMF).**

A U.S. Coast Guard fast response cutter seized more than \$30 million of heroin and methamphetamine from a fishing vessel transiting the Gulf of Oman, May 8. Operating in support of Combined Task Force (CTF) 150, USCGC Glen Harris (WPC 1144) seized 580 kilograms of methamphetamine and 35 kilograms of heroin from a vessel transiting international waters. CTF 150 is one of four task forces that form the world's largest multinational naval partnership, Combined Maritime Forces.

- 08 May 23 - combinedmaritimeforces : <https://bit.ly/41wraBy>



- **Another \$7.5m raised for FSO Safer, yet funding falls short.**

The United Kingdom and the Netherlands co-hosted an online pledging event last week to raise funds for the UN plan to prevent a catastrophic oil spill from the FSO Safer, the decaying tanker off Yemen's Red Sea coast. Egypt, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom and private company Octavia Energy and its subsidiary, Calvalley Petroleum, announced pledges totaling almost \$8 million, of which \$5.6 million represents new funding, according to the UN.

- 08 May 23 - safety4sea: <https://bit.ly/42o4e8u>

- **U.S. Seizes \$80 Million Heroin Shipment in Gulf of Oman.**

A U.S. Coast Guard fast response cutter seized \$80 million worth of heroin from a fishing vessel transiting the Gulf of Oman, May 10, during the ship's second drug bust this week. USCGC Glen Harris (WPC 1144) was operating in support of Combined Task Force (CTF) 150 when a boarding team discovered 1,964 kilograms of heroin on a vessel transiting international waters after departing Chah Bahar, Iran. Glen Harris also seized \$30 million worth of methamphetamine and heroin two days ago from another fishing vessel that departed the same port.

- 10 May 23 - combinedmaritimeforces: <https://bit.ly/453lrWT>

## Engagement and Visits

- **Engagement.** On Wednesday 10-May, OIC Lt Cdr Dougie Bell RN briefed the UK's recently joined Maritime Security Advisor Cdr Peter Davis RN on UKMTO's roles and operating model. Peter Davies has replaced Cdr James Edwards RN in the advisory role. UKTO(D) wishes Cdr James the very best of luck as he moves into a new role with ties to the Middle East.
- **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](mailto: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.

## Maritime Security Briefs

Date	Location	Vessel
09/05/2023	JEBEL ALI	ARCH. MICHAEL
09/05/2023	JEBEL ALI	TALBOT
09/05/2023	JEBEL ALI	WELLPARK
09/05/2023	JEBEL ALI	OPTIMAX1

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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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