

# UKMTO

**Weekly Report** 

28 Oct - 3 Nov 2018

# IN THIS ISSUE Command Overview

UKMTO has issued two Advisories and no Warnings this week.

1. Two Advisories were issued after UKMTO received two separate incident reports from vessels transiting the Southern Red Sea in the vicinity of the Bab el Mandeb straight (BeM). The ships reported being approached by 3 - 4 skiffs which closed to within 1 cable. The AST on both vessels responded and the skiffs broke off their approach. These incidents took place at first light and may be linked to local fishing activity, however, masters and ship owners are reminded of the need to remain vigilant at all times while transiting the BeM (see page 3).

2. Open Source Media Articles of interest. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting:

a. 3 Nov 18 - 'Unmanned surface vehicles' market worth\$1020 million by 2023' (The Medi Telegraph): <u>https://bit.ly/2EXwFE6</u>

b. 2 Nov 18 - 'Global piracy and kidnapping from merchant ships rises in 2018' (Handy Shipping Guide): <u>https://bit.ly/2RwhF1p</u>

c. 2 Nov 18 - 'Gulf security tops the agenda at Chiefs of Defence meeting' (GOV.UK): <u>https://bit.ly/2yNBY3I</u>

d. 31 Oct 18 - 'Rise in global piracy, rise in crisis care for seafarers' (The Maritime Executive): <u>https://bit.ly/2AJBcWs</u>

e. 25 Oct 18 - 'Fishermen risk death in Yemen's violent waters' (The Washington Post): <u>https://wapo.st/2DhtEgc</u>





SHIPS BRIEFED

# ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED

(1) Attacked

No incidents to report.

(2) Boarded

No incidents to report.

(3) Hijacked

No incidents to report.

VESSELS & PERSONS UNDER PIRATE CONTROL				
Details of Vessel	No. Vessels held	No. Souls held	Date Taken	
Merchant	0			
Fishing	0			
Dhows	0	4	26/03/15	
Total	0	4		

FUTURE EVENTS				
Date	Event	Location		
20 - 21 Nov 18	SHADE	Bahrain		
29 Nov 18	MIEVOM	Dubai		

# LIAISON AND VISITS

Lt Cdr Long attended the UAE Maritime Future Leaders Seminar (30 Oct) and the CSO Alliance Cyber Brief (31 Oct) which were both held in Dubai.

Anyone wishing to visit the UKMTO Dubai office please contact Lt Cdr Chris Long at: Dubai-OiC@ukmto.org

# **ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

www.ukmto.org **MSCHOA** Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) Middle East Navigation Aids Service (MENAS) United Kingdom Hydrographic Office IMB Live Piracy Reports www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI NATO Maritime Command (MARCOM) www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org



Location	Vessel
JEBEL ALI	MAERSK KLAIPEDA
JEBEL ALI	MEDI MATSUURA
JEBEL ALI	SOTIRIA
JEBEL ALI	SPRING LEGEND
JEBEL ALI	FENG HAI 10
JEBEL ALI	NORTHERN DEPENDANT
JEBEL ALI	BW RAVEN
JEBEL ALI	MAERSK KYRENIA
JEBEL ALI	MSC MAXINE
JEBEL ALI	RICKMERS ANTWERP
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#### WARNINGS

No Warnings Issued.

# ADVISORIES

# 001/NOV/2018

**Category:** Suspicious Approach **Description:** On 01 Nov 18 at approximately 06:00 UTC a Merchant Vessel in POSN 1306.40N 04308.30E (Bab al Mandab) was approached by 3 small boats with 4/5 POB. The closest point of approach on the Merchant Vessel was 1 cable. The crew and vessel are safe

# 002/NOV/2018

**Category:** Suspicious Approach **Description:** On 03 Nov 18 at approximately 05:45 UTC a Merchant Vessel in POSN: 1304.10N 04309.00E (Bab el Mandeb) was approached by 2 skiffs with 4/5 POB. The 2 skiffs approached to 8 cables at which point AST fired a warning flare, both skiffs then passed astern. One of the skiffs then began a second approach, a further warning flare was fired and this skiff also turned away. Crew and vessel are safe.

# NOTES

For further information or queries regarding any UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices ring: 0044 2392 222060. THESE ADVISORIES are not classified as a Maritime Security Events and have not been verified by UKMTO. This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.





