



Advisory #: 2012-02
Date Issued: Jul 12 2012
To: MARINERS
Subject: VESSELS OPERATING IN THE GULF OF OMAN, NORTH ARABIAN SEA, GULF OF ADEN, AND BAB EL MANDEB REGIONS.

1. THIS MARAD ADVISORY PROVIDES GUIDANCE TO VESSELS OPERATING IN SUBJECT WATERS.
2. ELEVATED REGIONAL TENSIONS HAVE INCREASED THE RISK OF POTENTIAL MARITIME ATTACKS CONDUCTED BY EXTREMISTS.
3. RECOMMEND VESSELS AT ANCHOR, OPERATING IN RESTRICTED MANUEVERING ENVIRONMENTS, OR AT SLOW SPEEDS BE ESPECIALLY VIGILANT, AND REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.
4. U.S. FLAG VESSELS THAT OBSERVE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IN THE AREA ARE ADVISED TO REPORT SUCH SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OR ANY HOSTILE OR POTENTIALLY HOSTILE ACTION TO COMUSNAVCENT BATTLEWATCH CAPTAIN AT PHONE NUMBER 011-973-1785-3879, CUSNC.BWC@ME.NAVY.MIL. ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS ARE ALSO TO BE REPORTED TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH 33 CFR PART 101.305. IN ADDITION, A SHIP HOSTILE ACTION REPORT (SHAR) SHOULD BE SENT TO THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIALINTELLIGENCE AGENCY (NGA) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT/SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, INCLUDING APPARENT SURVEILLANCE BEING CONDUCTED BY SMALL VESSELS/BOATS. E-MAIL: NAVSAFETY@NGA.MIL OR REF: NGA PUB 117 FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE.
5. VESSELS TRANSITING HIGH RISK WATERS DESIGNATED BY U.S. COAST GUARD MARSEC DIRECTIVE 104-6 (CURRENT VERSION) MUST COMPLY WITH ITS SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. ACCORDINGLY, VESSELS SHOULD CONDUCT A PRE-VOYAGE RISK ASSESSMENT AND INCORPORATE APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE MEASURES INTO THEIR VESSEL SECURITY PLANS. ADDITIONALLY, U.S.-FLAG OPERATORS SHOULD HAVE THEIR PROTECTIVE MEASURES IMPLEMENTED PRIOR TO ENTERING HIGH RISK WATERS.
6. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT CAPTAIN ROBERT FORD, MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF SECURITY, CODE: MAR-420, ROOM W25-207, 1200 NEW JERSEY AVE, S.E., WASHINGTON, DC 20590, TELEPHONE 202-366-0223, FACSIMILE 202-366-3954, TLX II 710.822.9426 (MARAD DOT WSH), OR EMAIL: MARADSECURITY@DOT.GOV.
7. U.S.-FLAG OPERATORS WITH SHIPS IN THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE REQUESTED TO FORWARD THIS ADVISORY TO THEIR SHIPS BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS.
8. THIS ADVISORY WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE MARAD WEB SITE AT WWW.MARAD.DOT.GOV.
9. CANCEL ADVISORY 2010-10.
10. TO DETERMINE MARITIME ADVISORIES THAT REMAIN IN FORCE, CONSULT THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION WEB SITE AT [HTTP://WWW.MARAD.DOT.GOV](http://WWW.MARAD.DOT.GOV) OR THE MOST RECENT U.S. NOTICE TO MARINERS AT [HTTP://MSI.NGA.MIL](http://MSI.NGA.MIL).