Recent Piracy Incidents off Somalia

Security Notice: November 2025

In recent days, there has been a notable increase in maritime security threats in the Indian Ocean region, particularly off the coast of Somalia. These incidents highlight the persistent risks faced by vessels transiting through these navigable waters, including attempted boardings and armed attacks by unauthorised persons. The following summary outlines recent significant incidents reported to UKMTO, highlighting the importance of awareness and adherence to the latest Best Management Practices (BMP) for Maritime Security.

Summary of Incidents:

o **Incident 039 (03 November 2025, 0220 UTC):**

UKMTO has received a report of an incident 332NM east of Mogadishu, Somalia. The Master reports that 4 unauthorised persons attempted to board his vessel. The small craft came from a mothership approximately 5NM to the east of his vessel. The small craft returned to the mother vessel after it was challenged by the vessel.

o Update 001: The Master reports the small craft with grey and white hull headed towards mothership 5NM to the east when warning shots were fired, all crew are reported safe and transiting to the next port of call. Authorities are investigating. Vessels are advised to transit with caution and report any suspicious activity to UKMTO.

o **Incident 040 (06 November 2025, 0712 UTC):**

A vessel has reported being approached by 1 small craft on its stern. The small craft fired small arms and RPG's towards the vessel. Unauthorised personnel of the small craft have boarded the vessel in position of 0205N 05710E.

o Update 001 (07 Nov): Coalition forces are now onboard vessel and crew have left the citadel, reported as safe and well.

o **Incident 041 (07 November 2025, 0707 UTC):**

UKMTO has received a report of an incident 528NM southeast of Eyl, Somalia, 120NM north of incident 040-25. Master report being approached by a small craft with 3 persons onboard in position 035700N 0571605E. The Pirate Action Group (PAG) is operating in the vicinity. The Master reports that his vessel has outrun the small craft, which is now returning to the suspected mothership (identified by Master as ISSA MOHHAMDI)

General Guidance (BMP for Maritime Security 2025):

The consolidated BMP for Maritime Security (MS) 2025 developed by leading industry associations provides a structured approach to threat and risk assessment in the maritime environment. All vessels should ensure the latest BMP is available onboard and that officers and crew are familiar with its contents. Key recommendations include:

- Conducting thorough risk assessments before entering high-risk areas.
- Maintaining a vigilant lookout and enhanced watchkeeping, especially in areas with recent suspicious activity.
- Staying well of identified areas of piracy activity as may be identified from time to time in security notices and bulletins.
- Implementing physical barriers and deterrents to prevent unauthorised boarding.
- Ensuring all crew are briefed on emergency procedures and security protocols.
- Reporting all suspicious activity and incidents immediately to UKMTO and relevant authorities.
- Removing outdated BMP documents from ship libraries and management systems, replacing them with the latest BMP MS 2025.

All vessels transiting the Indian Ocean Region, particularly east of Somalia, should exercise extreme caution, follow the latest BMP guidance and report any suspicious activity to UKMTO.

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Supportive Information:
For full details and to download the latest BMP for Maritime Security (MS) 2025 or For further information on this or other Loss Prevention topics please contact the Loss Prevention Department, Steamship Insurance Management Services Ltd.
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