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Global Piracy Report

Detailed Weekly Piracy Report Focusing on the Horn of Africa, Gulf of Guinea, Southeast Asia and South America; and Reporting of On - The - Ground in Somalia and Kenya

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Summary (June 1 - 7, 2015 - Week 23; Edition 92)

List of Incidents at Sea for this Reporting Period

Gulf of Guinea/West Africa: One incident; one late reported incident during this reporting period

Somalia-Indian Ocean: No incidents reported during this reporting period

Southeast Asia: Four late reported incidents during this reporting period

South America: No incidents reported during this reporting period

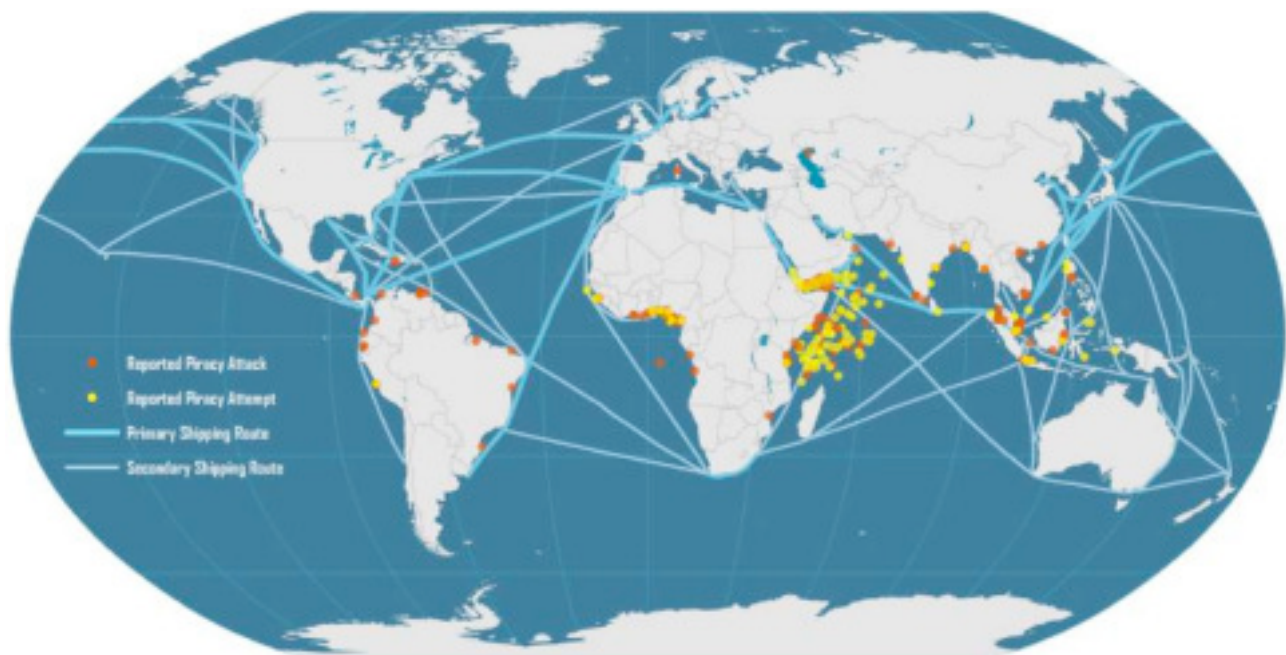
North America: No current incidents to report

Central America-Caribbean: No current incidents to report

Atlantic Ocean Area: No current incidents to report

Northern Europe-Baltic: No current incidents to report

Mediterranean-Black Sea: No current incidents to report



SOMALIA

Executive Summary

Masters are advised to remain vigilant at all times inside the HRA and are advised to adhere to strict guidance and protective measures as set down in BMP4. Sailing yachts should avoid transiting the HRA. Past activity has demonstrated that pirates will attack both large and small yachts transiting this region. While successful attacks and hijackings of merchant vessels have significantly decreased over the past two years, the possibility of attacks and the successful hijacking of sailing vessels continue to remain high. This is due to the reduction of revenue sources from pirated merchant vessels and the fact that sailing yachts are vulnerable and easier targets. PAG's continue to conduct "soft approaches" on merchant ships transiting the area. Skiffs have approached vessels in order to probe the reaction of the crewmembers and any possible Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) onboard. If the pirate approach does not elicit a response, the pirates will likely proceed with an attack, in which additional skiffs may participate.

At Sea

Hijacks:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.

Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

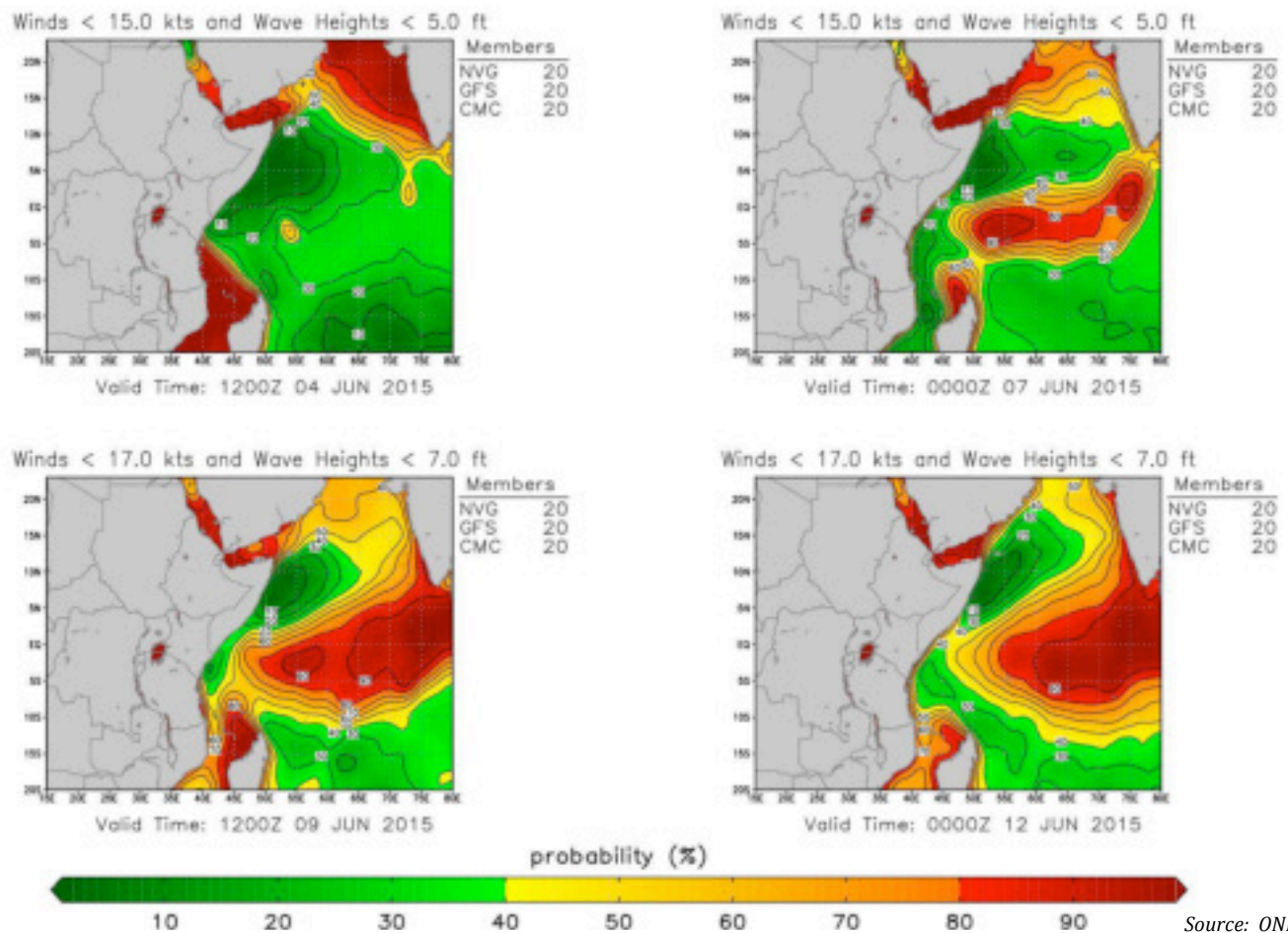
Map



Weather Forecast

- **Northern Arabian Sea:** Southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 10 – 12 feet.
- **Gulf of Oman:** Westerly winds of 5 – 10 knots with seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with westerly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Easterly winds of 25 – 30 knots with seas of 15 – 20 feet in the western section of the Gulf; in the eastern section of the Gulf, winds will be easterly at 25 – 30 knots with seas of 15 – 20 feet.
- **Gulf of Aden:** Easterly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Easterly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Somali Coast:** Southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the southern section of the coastline.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 8 – 10 feet in the northern section of the coastline; in the southern section of the coastline, winds will be southwesterly at 10 – 15 knots with seas of 8 – 10 feet.
- **Central African Coast/Indian Ocean:** Southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 8 – 10 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** South-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, with seas of 4 – 6 feet.
- **Mozambique Channel:** Southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the southern Channel.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet in the southern Channel.
- **Surface Currents:** The north Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having an average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having an average speed of 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali Basin are northeasterly averaging between 1 – 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion:** The transition season continues to influence the weather in the region. A low-pressure system will produce isolated rain showers and thunderstorms over Iraq and Syria. Blowing dust from Kuwait will reduce coastal visibility in the Arabian Gulf, while blowing dust from Afghanistan will reduce visibility in the Gulf of Oman. Monsoonal winds will produce elevated seas in the Northern Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman and the Somali Basin. **Note: An area of possible cyclonic development is in the Indian Ocean, south of India.**

Sea Conditions for the Following Week



*** In this graphic, the green shading represents a reduced likelihood of small boats and skiffs operating in the area due to harsh seas conditions, while the red indicates a higher likelihood of favorable sea conditions for skiffs and smaller boats **

Regional Reporting

- **4 June 2015** – Officials have reported that five men arrested in connection with the Garissa university massacre in April were charged in a Kenyan court on Thursday. According to the charge sheet, the suspects conspired to commit a terrorist act on 2 April, on the day 148 people, most of whom were students, were killed at the college. Reading from the charge sheet, judge Danie Ogembo stated, “on or before the 2nd April at Garissa township within Garissa county, jointly with Abdirahim Mohamed Abdulahi (deceased), Khalid Issack Hassan (deceased) and other persons not before court,” the accused “conspired to commit a terrorist act in the college.” The names of the 148 killed were all read out in court and the five suspects were each charged with a total of 162 counts of terrorism. The accused – Mohamed Ali Abdikar, Hassan Aden Hassan, Sahal Diriye and Osman Abdi – who are thought to be either Kenyan or Somali nationals, along with Rashid Charles, a Tanzanian national, have denied the charges. They were remanded in custody until 11 June, when the court will rule on bail. It was not immediately clear what role the men played in the attack. The prosecution has indicated that it intends to call more than thirty witnesses to testify in the case. The trial is scheduled to begin in earnest on 24 August.
- **2 June 2015** – Residents reported Tuesday that Somali-based al-Shabaab militants have entered a remote village in northeastern Kenya, despite the fact that the village is located only about 15 kilometres (nine miles) from a military base. According to locals, hundreds of people have now fled Warankara and schools have closed as the militants have been patrolling the village. Locals have reported that people are scared but that the gunmen have not harmed anyone. Residents also indicated that the militants have given sermons in the village. Bilow Adan Kero, a senator for the area has confirmed these reports, stating that he has urged the Kenyan government to take urgent steps in order to curb the insurgency. Residents however have indicated that security forces have not intervened to drive out the militants. Warankara is located in Kenya’s Mandera County, close to the military camp in the town of Dambas and not far from the border with Somalia. This is only the second time that al-Shabaab is known to have occupied territory in Kenya and the latest move shows that al-Shabaab appears to be implementing its threat to “take the war” to Kenya. Last month, al-Shabaab militants invaded the town of Yumbis, which is also located in the northeast, before withdrawing without a fight.

GULF OF GUINEA

Executive Summary

Pirate and maritime crime activity in waters off West Africa is currently at a low level, with one incident and one late reported incident during this period. All vessels transiting this region however are reminded to remain vigilant.

At Sea

Hijacks:

- None reported during this period.

Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.

Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Kidnapping:

- None reported during this period.

Other Activity:

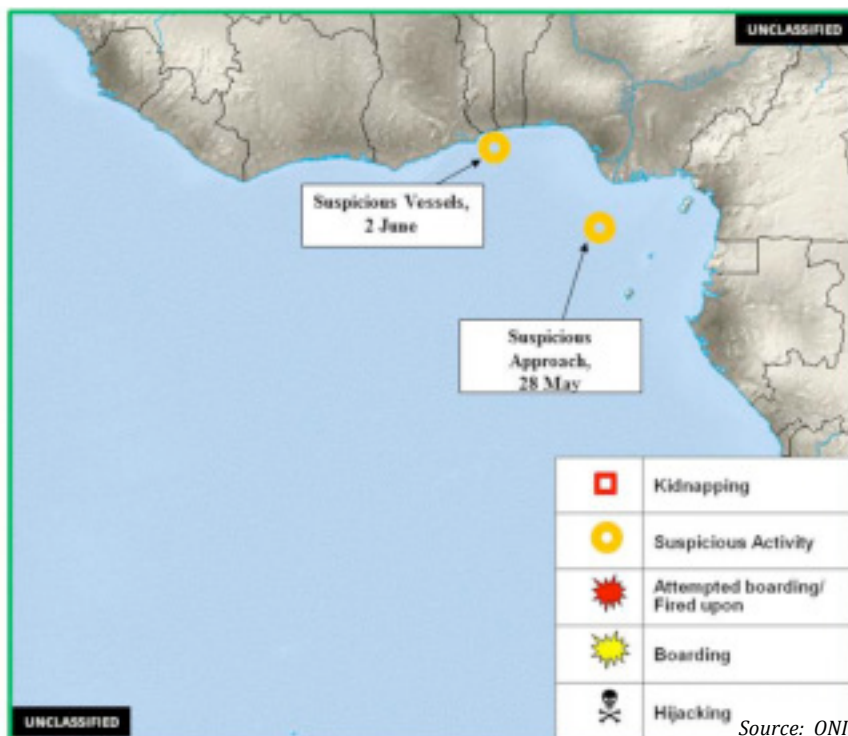
- **2 June 2015** – A vessel at anchor near position 06:08N – 001:17E, Lome Anchorage, reported several small boats posing as fishing boats making repeated approaches to vessels at anchor, taking advantage of the heavy rain. Vessels in the area are advised to maintain patrols on decks at all times in order to prevent any boardings.
- **28 May 2015 (Late Report)** – A vessel transiting from Lome, Togo to Luba, Equatorial Guinea detected on radar a boat without AIS identification and without navigation lights making an approach. After several changes of course, the boat was still on relative track with the vessel. Search lights were switched on and directed to the suspicious boat while the crew was mustered. When the distance between the suspicious

boat and the vessel was approximately one-half mile, the vessel began sounding blasts on the ship's whistle. This resulted in the boat changing its course and moving in the opposite direction.

Piracy Related Reporting

- **2 June 2015** – Togo's authorities announced Tuesday that African leaders will meet in Togo later this year in order to discuss drawing up a continental charter against maritime piracy. According to Foreign Minister Robert Dussey, heads of state and government from the African Union (AU) would be in the capital Lome in November to discuss the problem. Speaking to reporters, Dussey indicated "the Lome summit aims at defining a common strategy against maritime insecurity in Africa," adding "at least 205 attacks on ships were registered in the Gulf of Guinea between 2005 and May 2015. Togo's coasts saw eight attacks, of which seven were foiled by the country's navy." The minister also disclosed that the successful adoption of Africa's first ever strategy against pirates would be put before the United Nations Security Council. Currently, only a handful of national, bilateral and regional initiatives are in place to fight piracy, which has increased in the Gulf of Guinea in recent years. In June 2013, Central and West African leaders agreed on a regional strategy against pirates to tackle the problem. In August that year, military chiefs from Benin, Niger, Nigeria and Togo decided to set up a center for maritime coordination.

Map



Weather Forecast

- **Gulf of Guinea:** Southerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet.
- **Synoptic Discussion:** Expect partly to mostly cloudy conditions for the Gulf of Guinea with associated rain showers.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Executive Summary

The threat of violent attacks, crime and hijackings remains high in waters off Southeast Asia. Pirate Action Groups (PAG's) are likely to target vessels to siphon fuel or oil onto another ship. Masters are therefore reminded to remain vigilant at all times in all regions, including at ports and anchorages. Attacks and robberies can occur at anytime. Incidents involving the siphoning of oil/fuel have been on the rise in recent months. Masters are reminded to remain vigilant at all times and to report any incidents, suspicious activity, attacks or hijackings to the local authorities.

At Sea

Hijacks:

- **4 June 2015** – Pirates hijacked an underway product tanker near position 02:21N – 104:22E, 8 nautical miles off Pu Aur. They took the crew hostage and sailed the tanker to rendezvous with another vessel that received part of the tanker's petroleum cargo. Prior to departing, the pirates stole the crew's and vessel's properties and damaged communication equipment. The crew subsequently sailed the tanker to a safe port.

Vessels Boarded:

- None reported during this period.

Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding's:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.

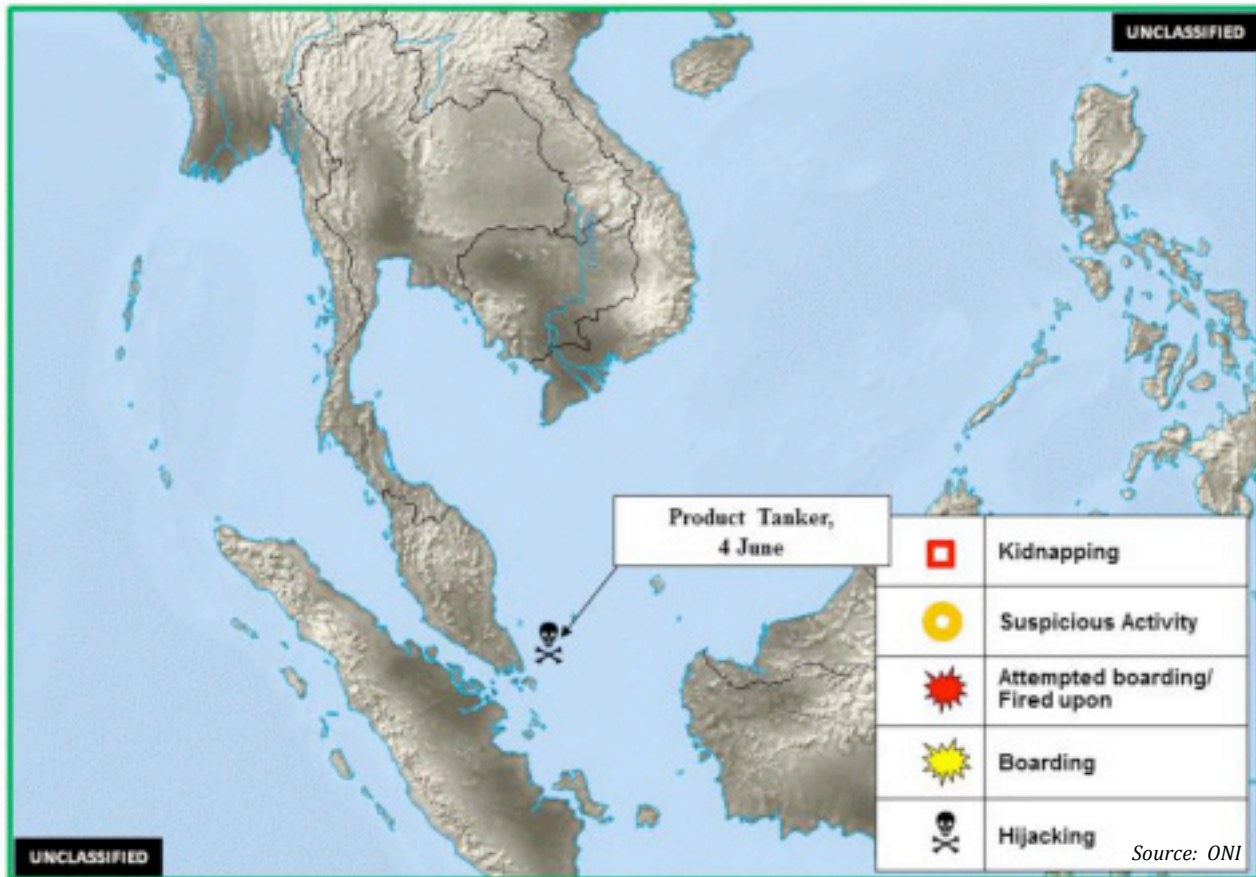
Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Other Activity:

- None reported during this period.

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Weather Forecast

- **South China Sea:** Southerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
- **Malacca Strait:** Northwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the northern Strait; with southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the southern Strait.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southeast winds of 3 – 5 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the northern Strait; with southeast winds of 3 – 5 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the southern Strait.
- **Andaman Sea:** Southwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** West-southwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.

- **Surface Currents:** Currents in the South China Sea and Malacca Strait average speeds of 1 knots, while currents in the Andaman Sea average between 1 – 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion:** The Northeast Monsoon season influences the region, however the transition season appears to be starting. Expect increasing cloud conditions with rain showers and thunderstorms.

SOUTH AMERICA

Executive Summary

While there have been no recent reported incidents in this region, the threat of violent attacks and robberies remains high in waters throughout South America. Masters are reminded to remain vigilant at all times and in all regions, including ports and anchorages. Attacks and robberies can occur at any time.

At Sea

Hijacks:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.



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