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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 (November 2 - 8, 2015 - Week 45; Edition 114)

### List of Incidents at Sea for this Reporting Period

**Gulf of Guinea/West Africa:** No incidents reported during this reporting period

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

**Southeast Asia:** No incidents reported during this reporting period

**South America:** No incidents reported during this reporting period

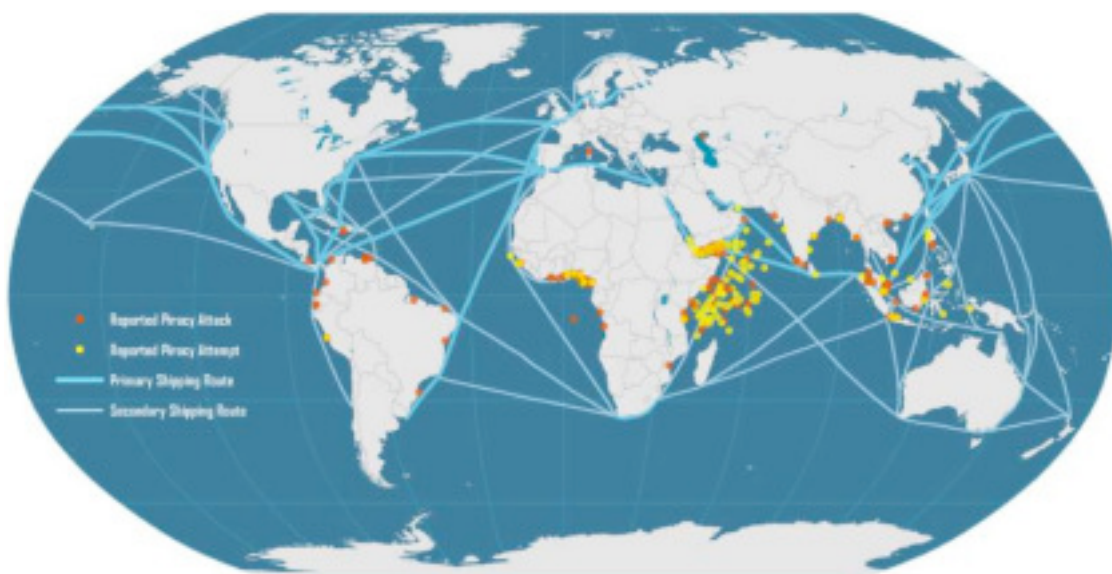
**North America:** No current incidents to report

**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.

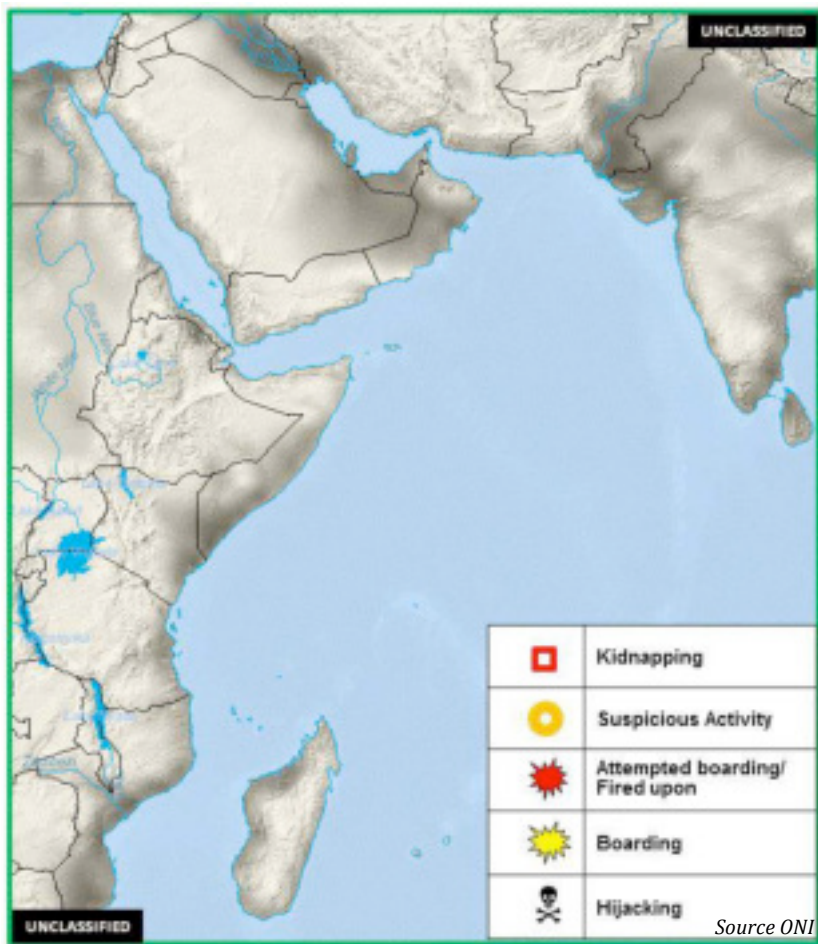
### Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.

### Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Incident Map

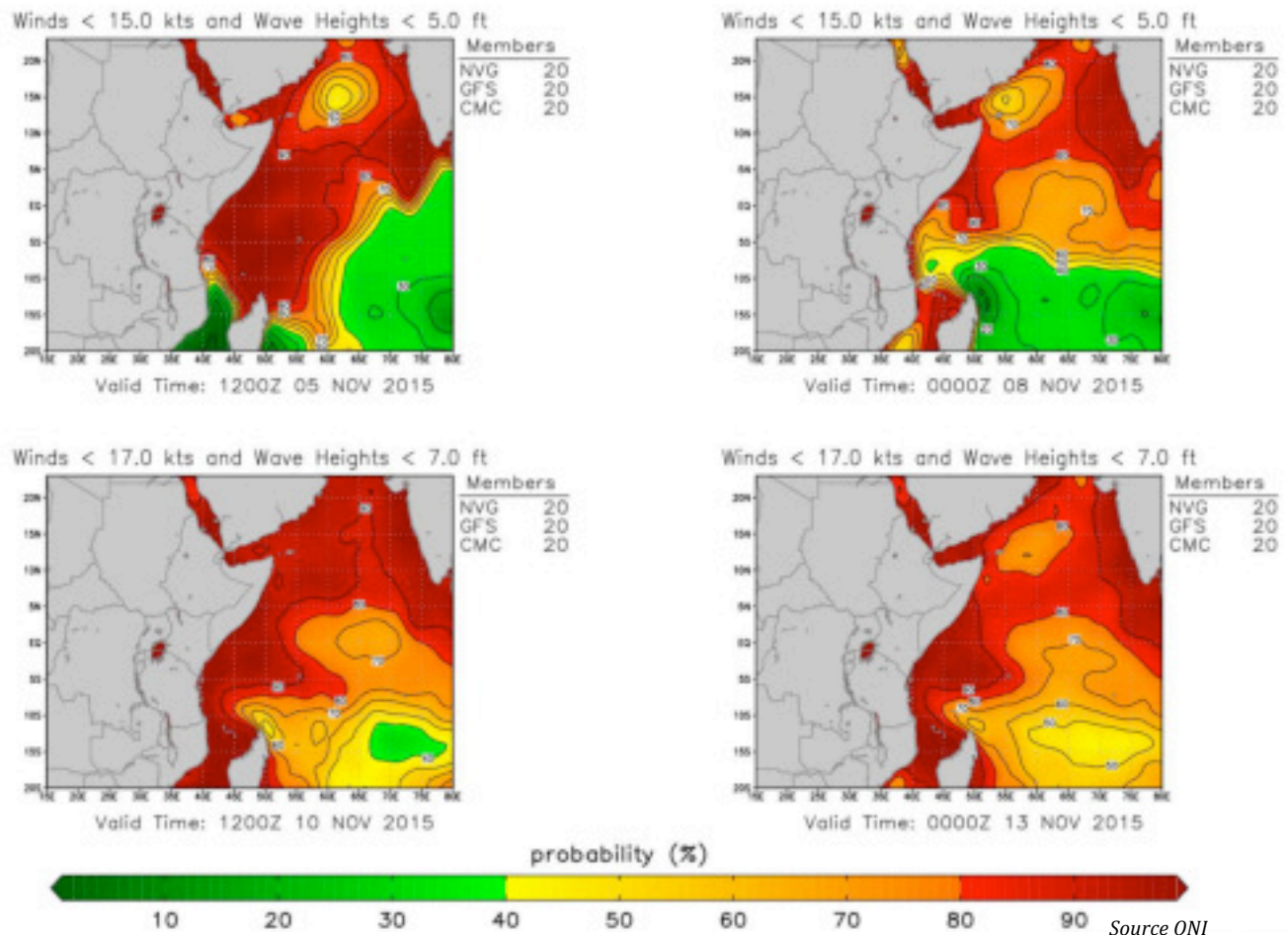


## Weather Forecast for Horn of Africa

- **Northern Arabian Sea** – Northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots, increasing to 20 – 30 knots, gusting to 35 knots in the vicinity of the tropical disturbance, and seas of 5 – 7 feet.
  - **Extended Forecast** – Variable winds of 10 – 15 knots, increasing to 20 – 30 knots, gusting to 35 knots in the vicinity of the tropical disturbance, and seas of 5 – 7 feet.
- **Gulf of Oman** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots with seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 8 – 13 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
  - **Extended Forecast** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Gulf of Aden** – Easterly winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 8 – 13 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
  - **Extended Forecast** – East-northeast winds of 8 – 13 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with variable winds of 5 – 10 knots, increasing to 20 – 30 knots, gusting to 35 knots, and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Somali Coast** – Easterly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the northern section of the coastline; in the southern section of the coastline, winds will be southeasterly at 8 – 13 knots with seas of 3 – 5 feet.
  - **Extended Forecast** – Northeast winds of 7 – 12 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southeast winds of 8 – 13 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the southern section of the coastline.
- **Central African Coast/Indian Ocean** – South-southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 4 – 6 feet.
  - **Extended Forecast** – South-southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 4 – 6 feet.
- **Mozambique Channel** – Southerly winds of 20 – 25 knots, gusting to 30 knots, and seas of 8 – 12 feet in the northern Channel; with south-southeast winds of 20 – 25 knots, gusting to 30 knots, and seas of 12 – 16 feet in the southern Channel.
  - **Extended Forecast** – Southeast winds of 18 – 22 knots, gusting to 28 knots, and seas of 5 – 8 feet in the northern Channel; in the southern Channel, winds will be easterly at 18 – 22 knots, gusting to 28 knots, and seas of 6 – 9 feet.
- **Surface Currents** – The northern 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 along the Somali Basin are northeasterly averaging between 1 – 2 knots.



- **Synoptic Discussion** – Weak low pressure over the Levant will produce dense cloud cover and isolated rain showers over the northern Arabian Gulf over the first portion of the forecast. Remnants of the recent tropical cyclone will continue to produce isolated to scattered rain showers and thunderstorms over Yemen and enhance thunderstorm activity in northern Somalia, which will drift along the coastal regions of the Gulf of Aden. A weak tropical disturbance will slowly strengthen as it moves slowly westward through the northern Arabian Sea, causing areas of moderate winds and elevated seas.



\*\*\* In the graphic above, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents a higher likelihood of pirate activity \*\*

## On the Ground Reporting

- **5 November 2015** – A court in Somali has ordered the deportation of twenty-seven Kenyans who have been found to be in the country illegally. According to court documents, the men have also been fined US \$10 (£6.50) for each day that they were in the country illegally. Judge Hashi Elmi Noor indicated in court that the case is a warning to others who are found to be in the country illegally. On the ground sources have reported that a growing number of foreigners are taking up jobs in the construction and hotel industries, while others are getting teaching jobs in colleges and schools as peace gradually returns to the Horn of Africa nation. According to a recent Somali law, work permits are now mandatory for all foreigners and employers are urged to give first priority to Somali nationals. This is the first time in twenty-five years that Somalia has expelled foreigners for overstaying their visas.
- **3 November 2015** – Al-Shabaab militants have reported that they ambushed a group of military trainees on Monday in a region located southwest of the capital of Mogadishu. According to the militants, they killed thirty of the military trainees, however the claim has not been independently confirmed. While a Somali military officer did confirm that the ambush occurred, he disclosed that fighting was still on going and that no death toll was immediately available. Ahmed Ibrahim has indicated that “we understand al-Shabaab ambushed the Somali military commando trainees and captured two military pickup trucks,” adding, “it is too early to know what the casualties are because fighting is still going on in the jungle.” Meanwhile al-Shabaab’s military spokesman, Sheikh Abdiasis Abu Musab, has reported that his group killed thirty commando trainees and seized four military trucks. The ambush comes just a day after at least thirteen people were killed after al-Shabaab insurgents stormed a hotel in the capital city, where government officials and lawmakers stay.



# GULF OF GUINEA

## Executive Summary

Pirate and maritime crime activity in waters off West Africa is currently at a low level, with no incidents reported 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.

### **Vessels Boarded:**

- None reported during this period.

### **Suspicious Activity:**

- None reported during this period.

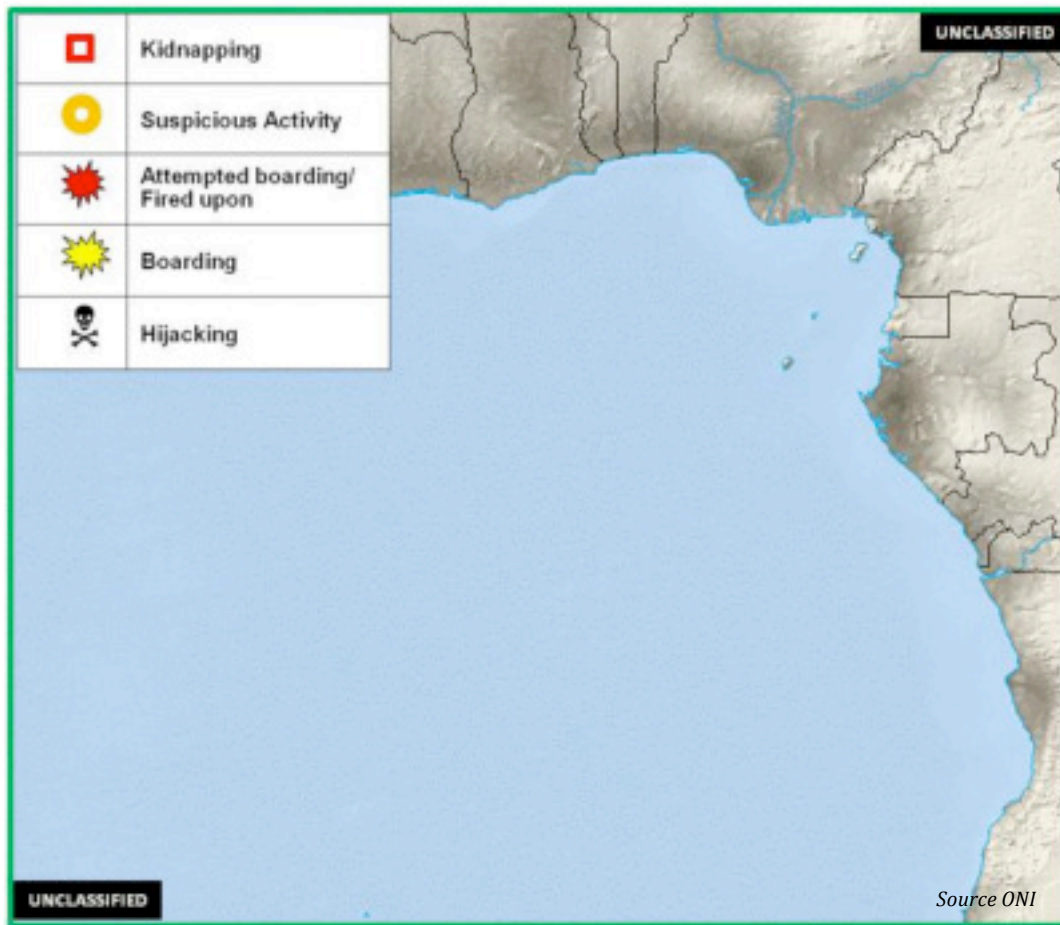
### **Kidnapping:**

- None reported during this period.

### **Other Activity:**

- None reported during this period.

## Incident Map



## Weather Forecast for Gulf of Guinea

- **Gulf of Guinea** – South-southwest winds of 7 – 12 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet.
  - **Extended Forecast** – Southwest winds of 7 – 12 knots and seas of 3 – 5 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:**

- None reported during this period.

**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.

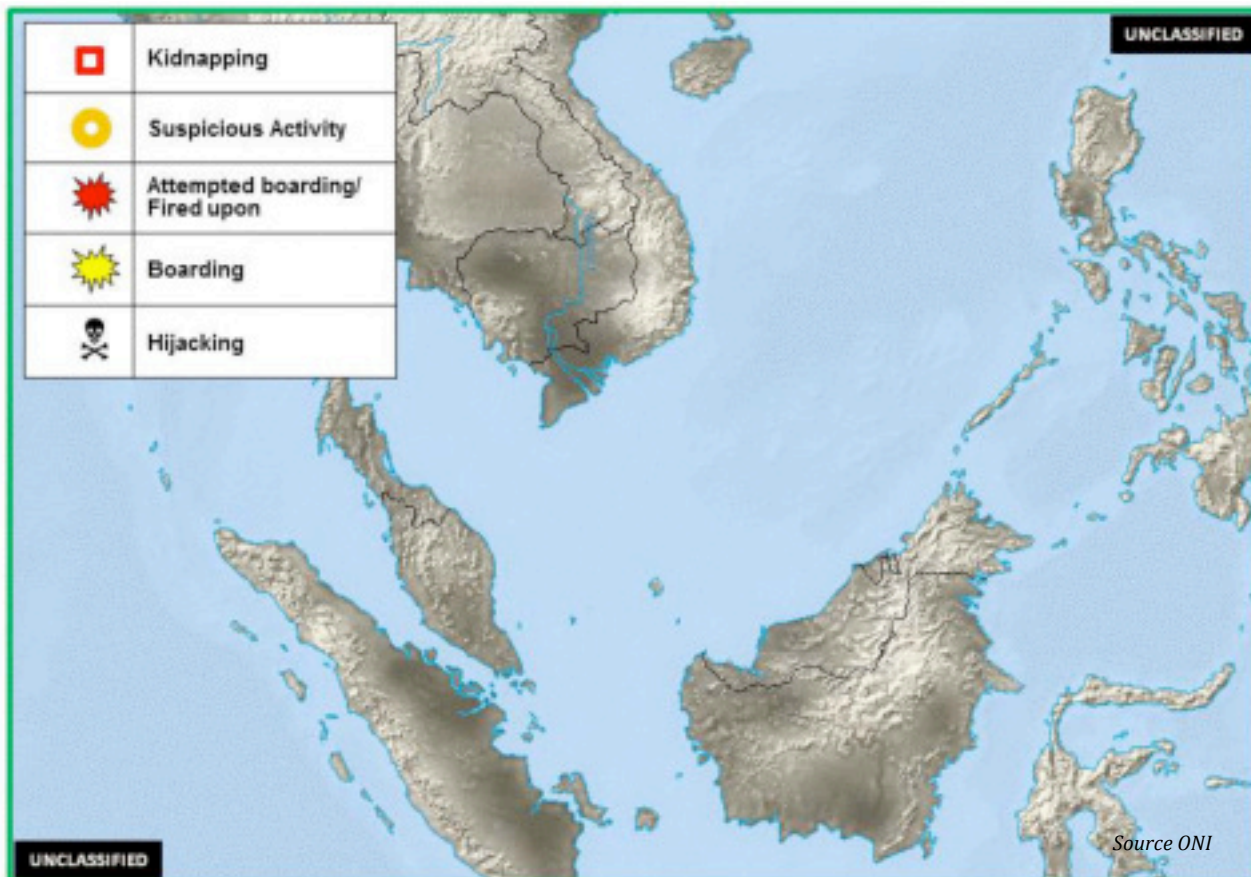
**Suspicious Activity:**

- None reported during this period.

**Other Activity:**

- None reported during this period.

## Incident Map



## Weather Forecast for Southeast Asia

- **South China Sea** – Easterly winds of 13 – 18 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet.
  - **Extended Forecast** – East-northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
- **Malacca Strait** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the northern Strait; with variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the southern Strait.
  - **Extended Forecast** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the northern Strait; with variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the southern Strait.
- **Andaman Sea** – Northeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet.
  - **Extended Forecast** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet.

- **Surface Currents** – Currents in the South China Sea and Malacca Strait average speeds of 1 knot, while currents in the Andaman Sea average 1 – 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion** – High pressure is influencing the northern portions of the region while the InterTropical Convergence Zone is impacting the southern portions. The Andaman Sea, Malacca Strait and southern South China Sea will see isolated rain showers and thunderstorms throughout the forecast period.

## 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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